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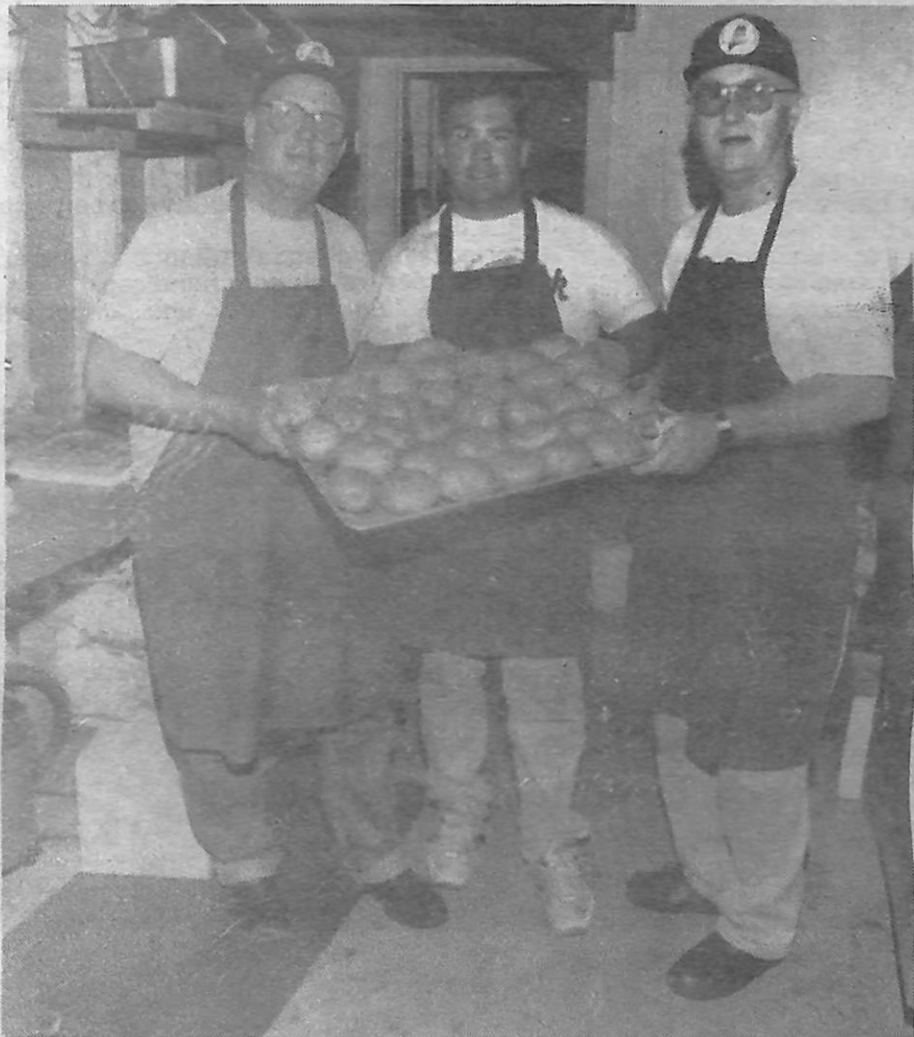
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PAUL MARKOWSKI, BOB ALTOBELLI AND MARTIN LEHBERGER with a tray of soon-to-be-baked potatoes, which have been called "the most popular snack" at the Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PUTTING ON A VARIETY OF MOUTHWATERING CONDIMENTS on the ever-popular Big E baked potatoes are Peg Altobelli, Kathy Boccasile, and Bob Altobelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Good Eating In The BIG E's Maine Building...

Ag. Residents Focus On Taste Buds When Cooking Maine Potatoes

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Maine Potato Board has used the Eastern States Exposition experience as educational training for Maine's Future Farmers of America.

They were at the popular Baked Potato Booth of the Maine Building on the Avenue of States. The contract for selling the baked potatoes at the Maine Building is owned by Carolyn Lehberger of Giffin Place, Feeding Hills. Her husband, Martin Lehberger, oversees the flow of product and supervises the potato baking.

He received some help from Maine teenagers who are FFA members. There were boys and girls between 13 and 18 years of age, and they were being sent to West Springfield four at a time for two days to work and observe the potato sales.

They helped served the thousands of customers that form long lines to get a perfectly baked potato. They helped prepare the potatoes and did some of the lugging.

Four FFA members came at a time and stayed for two days. The Maine Potato Board picked up the motel bill for the youngsters and their chaperones.

The Lehbergers have been working on the booth for 15 years, and Carolyn took over the contract about five years ago, Martin said. The Potato Board experimented with potatoes to find one that suited the Big E purposes; large enough size-wise, uniform in flavor, and texture. They came up with a spud called "Superior." Martin said each potato weighed one-half to three-quarters of a pound.

Customers chose their condiments from cheddar cheese sauce, sour cream, butter, parsley, and bacon bits (in amounts to their taste).

During the 1995 Big E, 75,000 baked potatoes were sold at the Maine Potato Booth, Martin said, and it was expected to equal that this year in spite

of the weather.

Watching the queue to the booth on the middle Friday (as it snaked inside the building and for about two city blocks outside), one wouldn't doubt it. Carolyn controls the flow of customers, making sure the passages are open and lines keep moving (as she jokes with customers).

"It is hard to believe," Martin said, "that our baked potatoes have been called the most popular snack in the park by the Big E management. The booth was started as a whim when a member of the Potato Board started giving out samples. There was one server and one cashier. The booth now has 10 workers at a time and uses four convection ovens," he added.

Asked why she thought baked potatoes are so popular, Carolyn said, "Why not? They are tasty, filling, nourishing, and economical. Where else can you get a meal for \$3? It's a belly sinker of a meal!"

Power Plant's Tax Treaty Remains On Back Burner For Time Being

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

There's not going to be an independent review of the payment in-lieu-of-tax treaty negotiated between the town and Berkshire Power. At least, not any time soon.

Town Councilor Gary Suffriti said the issue of hiring an independent consultant to advise the council on the merits of the tax treaty became a moot point when abutters to the proposed power plant were granted the right to act as intervenors in the court case between Berkshire Power and the Board of Appeals.

Kenneth Forni, spokesman for the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA), said power plant opponents are continuing their legal battle to defend the 1-2 vote of the Board of Appeals in favor of denying Berkshire Power a special permit to build structures in excess of 40 feet.

Forni said, "We're quite proud of the fact that here we are in October 1996 and we're right where we said we'd be all along: they do not have a permit to build; they do not have an oil storage license; they do not have a tax agreement with the town."

Forni said no hearing date has been set for their challenge to a summary judgment handed down in Berkshire's favor by Judge William Welch last spring. But members of CCBA will be meeting with their attorneys in Boston next week to discuss the case, according to him.

"The council absolutely doesn't need to take any action on the payment in-lieu-of-taxes while the case is still in court," Suffriti said.

But consideration of Berkshire Power's offer to pay the town \$1 million escalating at three percent a year in lieu of property tax on a 250 megawatt power plant proposed for the industrial park on Shoemaker Lane could soon be back on the council's agenda.

Council Vice President Jill Simpson, who supported the hiring of an expert to advise the council, said, "If the issue of a consultant is dead in the water, maybe we should just bring this back to

the table and take a vote."

Original Offer Still On The Table...

Berkshire Power spokesman Kevin O'Reilly said their original offer was still on the table, but they are moving forward with their plan to seek a manufacturer's tax exemption if the town rejects the payment in-lieu-of-tax plan.

O'Reilly said the company has not yet filed for the exemption.

"We're still in the process of getting our financing and when we get to the point where we have to close, we will file for the tax exemption," O'Reilly said. "We can't sit around waiting for the town forever."

According to information compiled by Berkshire Power, the company would pay only \$285,000 to the town in property taxes if they receive the manufacturer's tax-exempt status.

"As it stands now, there is no need for the tax consultant because Berkshire Power can't build there while the case is in litigation," Suffriti said. "Before we spend any money, we'll wait out the court case."

Suffriti said he received \$1,000 in pledges from the public to use toward the \$2,500 it will cost to hire an expert consultant. This came after Town Council's two requests for funding were denied by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. But his plan to hire Newton Assessor Stephen Cirillo has been put on hold while the case remains in litigation.

Suffriti said the tax treaty has already been perused by Cirillo, but no report has been written.

Mrs. Simpson said she was at odds with the way the hiring of the consultant was handled.

"I also submitted the name of an attorney to be considered and then, all of a sudden, it just became the other person," Mrs. Simpson said.

The tax treaty hammered out between Johnson and Berkshire Power has been in limbo since Town Council refused to take any action on the payment in-lieu-of-tax agreement at a special meeting held in July.

The Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent
Town Hall — 786-0400, Ext. 236

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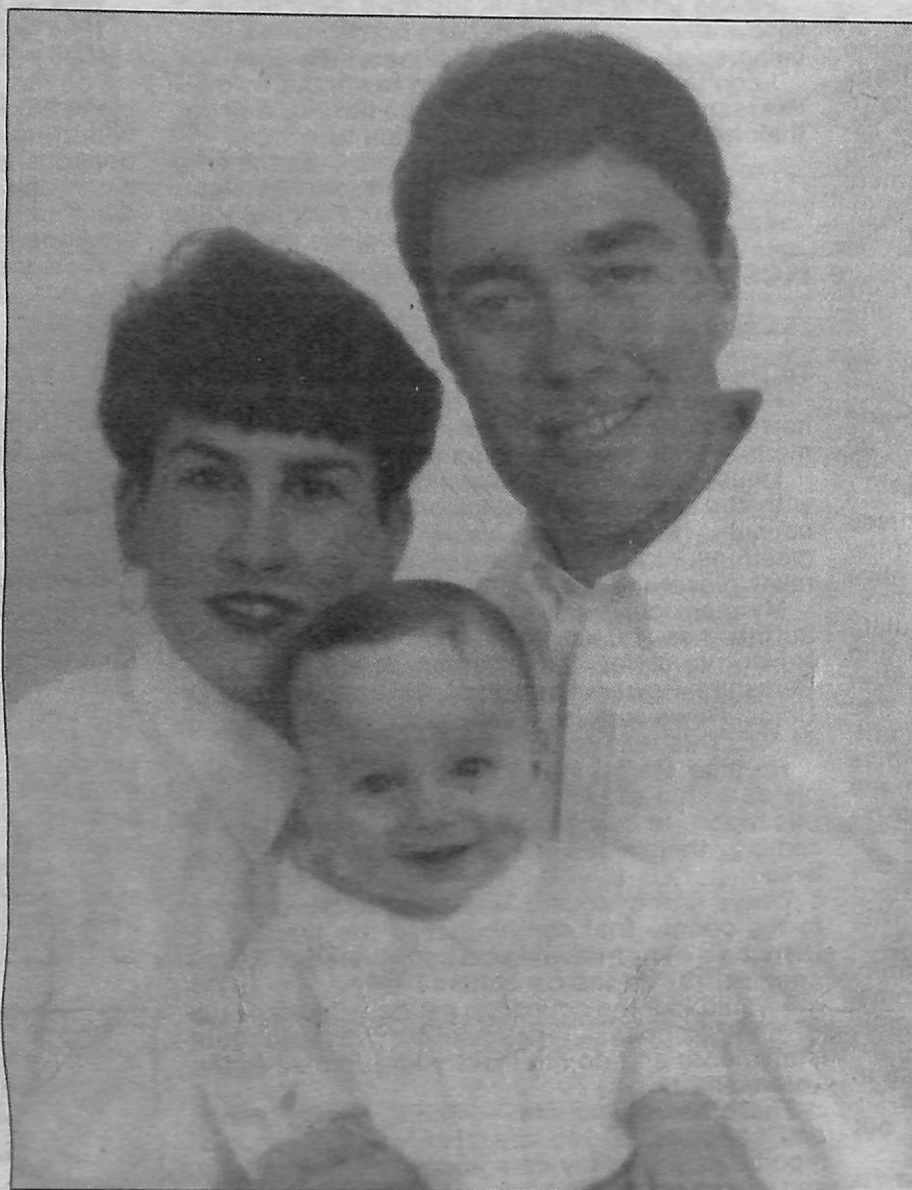
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- Helped secure increased funding for **Community Policing initiatives** and additional resources targeted at juvenile offenders, gun, gang, and drug criminals.

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“Partners In Nature” Prog. Boosts Small Family Farms

To The Editor:
The Agawam Advertiser News is to be commended for its fine article in the August 22, 1996 issue regarding the “Partners In Nature” program, jointly sponsored by University of Massachusetts Extension Service in Amherst and the USDA Farm Service Agency. This program recognizes farmers who meet state guidelines in the practice of Integrated Pest Management, an environmentally responsible method of farming.
This is a big boost for struggling small family farms, who are trying to stay in farming despite high taxes and high land prices.
Nationwide, many small farms are forced to close every year, selling out to well-financed developers, who usually build new housing and reducing the amount of food available to feed an ever-growing human population.
The primary aim of this partnership is to reduce the use of poisonous chemical pesticides used widely on farm crops and instead, promoting the use of other natural methods of farming that have no harmful effects.
This is a great opportunity to stimulate Farmers’ Markets in Western Mass. cities and give local farmers a real chance to make a better living with greater community support. In this way, the farmers and city residents benefit. Citizens can then buy fruits and vegetables superior in quality, less poisonous pesticide, are fresher, better tasting, more nutritious, and no more expensive.
So everybody wins. Also, we know where the food comes from and who grows it. Supporting local enterprise is the key to local prosperity. This is the wave of the future. It is beginning to happen. The more self-supporting our community becomes, the more secure and happy we become. Especially in this period of social and economic insecurity.
So let’s support our local farmers by buying at Farmers’ Markets. A number of Western Mass. City Farm Markets are established. Why not Agawam?
We are especially fortunate and honored to salute the Noel Brown and Cecchi Farms as the first Agawam members of “Partners In Nature.” We should support all our local farmers and hope that soon all Agawam farmers are dedicated to this enlightened effort to save our local farmers. After all, they are our neighbors!

Most sincerely,
Rudolph H. Stone
Resident of Heritage Hall North

Dog Owners Should Not Let Their Pets Run Loose

To The Editor:
“I am special, I don’t have to...”
Hi, I am a person who has had five bypasses. I am told by my doctor to walk every day, but I have a problem with that.
You see, there are “special people” in the city

who don’t care about the laws of keeping their dogs on a rope or chain in their yard. Now, I am on blood thinners, and if I get bit I could bleed to death before a doctor could get to me.
I have had to spray a few dogs already, and I don’t like it because I love dogs, too. But when it’s my life or his, you know the answer.
Please, please keep your dogs in the house or put them on a restraint of some type.
The sentence at the beginning of this letter comes from a man who told me, “I’ve lived in this town for — years,” and, “I don’t have to do anything like that, I had this dog — years, and he never bit anyone.”
Well, I am here to tell you that I worked for the Post Office for almost 30 years, and in my early years I got 16 stitches from a dog that “never bit anyone.”
Please understand that the laws were made to keep walkers safe and to keep homeowners from being sued. They help both sides of the coin!
I don’t want to upset folks in town, but I would like respect for all the people who have to walk for their health and the kids who walk to school.
Thank you,
Richard Nelson
Feeding Hills

Resident Is Disturbed By Actions Of Town Councilors

To The Editor:
I do not attend many of the council meetings; however, I do try to schedule my evening to allow me to watch the meeting on television.
I must state first that I have been very disturbed with the actions of the majority of the present council. Never in my years of watching the meetings have I experienced the behavior that takes place and the inability to govern.
My main concern is the money that Councilor Suffriti has raised to hire a consultant from Newton to review the in-lieu-of-tax proposal from Berkshire Power. Last that was reported in the Union News was that Councilor Suffriti raised \$1,500. This was on July 18th of this year.
He also stated that the report would be completed within a few weeks. I have been waiting for this report. Is it coming soon? If the report is not coming, then a few more questions need to be asked.
Where is the money? Is it going to be returned to the people that contributed to the fund? Will there be a list of people who contributed to Councilor Suffriti for the consultant?
I would like the council to get back to the issue of the proposal. Please follow up with your statements and do not leave your promise to the voters empty.
The other councilors — Ennis, Servis, Perry, and Langone ... you are also waiting for this report. Do you really care about this community and will you put this back on the agenda?
Sincerely,
Gary Arnold
Feeding Hills

It Is Now Time To Really Work On AHS’s SAT Scores

To The Editor:
It is difficult to talk about some of the problems facing Agawam schools without getting involved in the “Blame Game.” It seems to me that anytime a parent speaks out about some of the shortcomings that they see, the School Committee and the School Administration “circle the wagons” in an effort to defend themselves.
I believe that the time has come to move beyond finger-pointing and defensiveness. The time has come for all involved to admit that we

have a serious problem and instead of trying to assess blame or to sugarcoat the fact, we all should unite in an effort to address the situation.
The following numbers show that the scores of students at Agawam High School on the Verbal and Math SAT tests have been *below average for at least five years*. If the school system were to be given a letter grade for its performance on these tests, we would have been given five D’s!

VERBAL		
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1993 — Nation - 500; State - 503; Agawam - 492.		
1994 — Nation - 499; State - 502; Agawam - 498.		
1995 — Nation - 504; State - 505; Agawam - 492.		
1996 — Nation - 505; State - 507; Agawam - 496.		
MATH		
1992 — Nation - 501; State - 499; Agawam - 480.		
1993 — Nation - 503; State - 500; Agawam - 481.		
1994 — Nation - 504; State - 500; Agawam - 476.		
1995 — Nation - 506; State - 502; Agawam - 488.		
1996 — Nation - 508; State - 504; Agawam - 475.		

I do not pretend to have the solution to this problem, but I strongly believe that we must begin by admitting that it is a problem. The SAT is unquestionably an important factor in college admissions and is an indicator how well our sons and daughters are being prepared to deal with the challenges presented by higher education.
We should all be willing to stipulate that some very good things are occurring in our schools, but we should also be willing to face the fact that we have a serious problem somewhere in the system which must be addressed.
Some may argue that the SAT is just a test and should not be weighted too heavily. I would reply that the CAT scan is just a test, too, but when it shows a tumor in your body immediate action is called for. The SAT results are showing that we have had a big problem for a number of years and immediate action is now called for.
I believe that the School Committee, acting as the representatives of all of us, should state unequivocally that performance that is below average on any standardized testing is unacceptable. We all must insist that an action plan designed to correct this problem be put into place NOW.
We must develop a timeline and a specific statement of expectations, and we must be able to develop some type of accountability so we will be able to assess blame if this plan is not successful.
If the scores of our students had fallen below average on just one occasion, then we might have been willing to accept the various excuses and

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platitudes. However, we now have indisputable proof that Agawam has been below average for at least five years.

The time to study the problem has passed. The time to blame the other guy has passed. The time to talk about all of the good things that are happening in Agawam schools is over. It is time to act!

It is time to make sure that the class of 1997 and all future classes will be able to do much better. Too many students have already been short-changed!

Best wishes,
Frank Lawlor
Agawam

Reverend Monahan Needs To Expound On Christian Theme

To The Editor:

With all due respect for the good Rev. Peter Monahan, attributing Hindu beliefs to Bishop Pike seems to me not unlike calling the Rev. Frei Betto "Communist," or Carl Jung an "alchemist."

In other words, I believe it is an oversimplification, at best, and I do hope the Reverend will expound on this.

I certainly would not want to be the judge of who's truly Christian or not. There's another Judge for that.

Sincerely,
Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 10, 1996 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Borgatti for work to be performed at 10 Shelley Lane, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: October 3, 1996

Alternate Route For Bikepath Won't Get Much Thought From Planners

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Her design met with applause at a public hearing, but River Road resident Donna Jago doesn't think her alternate plan for a bike path through farmland rather than along a busy stretch of River Road will ever come to be.

Ms. Jago said she believed if her design was put off to be incorporated in the second phase of the RiverWalk project, it would never be built.

At a hearing called by the Massachusetts Highway Department, Ms. Jago presented a hand-drawn map showing an alternate route for a portion of the first phase of the planned Connecticut RiverWalk and Bikeway.

Ms. Jago said her design not only addresses the concerns of homeowners along the northern portion of River Road, but it also provides a safer and more enjoyable experience for cyclists, rollerbladers, and joggers.

The planned bikeway along the length of River Road has been included in the State Highway Department's plan for resurfacing and will consist of a four-foot-wide bike lane on both sides of the road.

"As anyone who travels along River Road regularly knows, traffic moves very rapidly, often at speeds averaging 48 to 52 miles per hour," Ms. Jago said. "To have bikes on both sides of the street is going to produce a dangerous situation."

Ms. Jago's proposed plan calls for a multi-use, 10-foot-wide trail through land adjacent to Route 57 and farmland owned by the county. After crossing the South End Bridge, Ms. Jago's path leaves River Road opposite the Yacht Club and runs along an existing chain-link fence in the buffer zone between Route 57 and the homes on Sterling, Barney, and Corey Streets. The path crosses Corey Street and completes its arc through the county farm ending at the School Street/River Road intersection.

Ms. Jago said her alternative route would offer bikeway users a path through a more scenic area of reduced noise as well as increased safety.

"... There Is A Problem Here ..."

"It's very obvious to everyone there is a problem here. My fear is that people are thinking more about getting it done than with safety issues," Ms. Jago said.

Her plan also takes into account the neighbors' concerns with privacy, safety, and fear of increased crime that could occur with hundreds of people passing so close to their homes, Mrs. Jago said.

Known as Phase I, the River Road section of the bikeway could be under construction in the spring. The second phase of the bikeway through Agawam includes a bike path along Main Street and School Street, forming a triangular loop with the riverfront. Phase II has received favorable ranking for funding in the next round of federal grants, according to Agawam Director of Planning and Development Deborah Dachos.

Under the auspices of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the RiverWalk and Bikeway will ultimately link five riverfront communities with a multi-use trail designed to offer recreational opportunities to walkers, cyclists, skaters, and people in wheelchairs.

The first section slated for construction, the section along River Road from the South End Bridge to Borgatti Park, is expected to be completed in 1998.

Eventually, the RiverWalk will run from Longmeadow to Chicopee and will pass through Agawam, West Springfield, and Springfield in an 18.6-mile trail with an estimated price tag of \$10.4 million.

Ms. Dachos, who serves as the RiverWalk Committee chairwoman, did not return our phone calls.

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"A Piece Of The News"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Beginning with this week's edition, News Editor Kathy Cassanelli will be presenting "A Piece of The News" as a regular column each week. The column will feature short news blurbs on people and events around Town Hall, Town Council, School Committee, and School Department.

Please Stop For School Buses!

School has been open for about a month, but it seems some drivers still haven't gotten the idea: those flashing lights and the big stop sign that pops out on the side of a school bus aren't there as decorations.

At the last Town Council meeting, Councilor Gary Suffriti was dismayed to report having seen three drivers failing to stop for school buses on his way to work.

"It kind of puts your heart in your stomach, as you hope there are no kids coming around the bus," Suffriti said.

Although it's still early in the school year and people may not be used to sharing the road in the early morning hours, Suffriti urged motorists to pay more attention to the school buses. "It's probably the most important thing you'll do going to work."

Appointees At AHS

School Superintendent Dr. Frank Ameruso announced the appointment of Frances Messina as the academic coordinator for the Art Department.

Ameruso said he expects to appoint a director of guidance in October after receiving recommendations from the principals of the Junior High and High Schools on restructuring the Guidance Department.

Judith Cohen has been the acting director of guidance since Paul Cavallo became the deputy principal of the High School last fall.

News From The Veterans' Council

George J. Schlagel and Jay R. O'Sullivan have been appointed to the Veterans' Council to terms ending in April 1997 and 1998, respectively.

Edward A. Kellogg has been reappointed. His term on the council will expire in April 1998.

Goings-On At Clark School

John Calabrese of EBTEC is the new community representative serving on the James Clark School Council.

Two murals on wallboard similar to the one on display in the cafeteria are planned for this year. The theme for the paintings will be "Respect for Others." Two parent volunteers will do the drawings, and the children will do the painting. Supplies and materials donated and purchased last year will be used for the artworks.

The council has received a budget of \$6,550 from the town in addition to a donation of \$1,500 from the PTO.

Greens Fees The Same

The pre-paid greens fees for the 1997 season will remain the same as in 1996 at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, and a discount will be applied if full payment is received by March 1, 1997.

Letters will be sent to all current pre-paid greens fee holders.

Concerns over the cart paths on both the front and the back nine will be addressed in a comprehensive drainage/cart path renovation plan to be developed in cooperation with DPW Superintendent Jack Stone.

Sixteen Arrested At Concert

It may have been a day off for the patrons, but the "Radio 104 Big Day Off Concert" held last Friday at Riverside Park kept Agawam police officers busy. Beginning before noon, the daylong event ended at closing time with 16 people arrested and three in protective custody.

APD Sergeant Steven Draghetti said most of the arrests involved young adults who were charged with possession of marijuana. Two were charged with distribution of marijuana. There were also arrests made for larceny over \$250, resisting arrest, and being a disorderly person.

The concert drew about 15,000 fans.

Draghetti said a similar concert featuring the same style of music at the beginning of the summer drew about 6,000 more fans, but resulted in only two arrests.

"We cover a lot of concerts at Riverside and this just happens to be a fluke," Draghetti said.

There were 23 officers assigned to the park last Friday. Normally, a nine-man contingent of officers patrol the park on racing nights.

Draghetti said the number of officers assigned depends on the size of the anticipated crowd. The costs of providing police coverage are paid by Riverside Park, he added.

"The Big E" Donates To Bicycle Patrol



EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION President Wayne McCary (left) presented Agawam Chief of Police Robert Campbell with a generous donation in support of the town's Bicycle Patrol Program. The presentation took place at a special luncheon held on "Agawam Day" (Wednesday, September 25th) at The Big E in West Springfield. McCary thanked Chief Campbell and the Agawam Police Department, saying they "continually step forward, especially during the 17-day Big E."

State Representative Dan Keenan To Host Financial Aid Seminar On October 29th

Representative Daniel Keenan would like to extend an open invitation to all residents to attend a seminar on financing a higher education. The seminar will discuss various aspects of financial aid and the process parents and students go through when applying.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 1996, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The seminar will focus on how to finance a college education.

A representative of Operations and Training at the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority will help parents and students with the financial aid process. The seminar will teach parents how to fill out financial aid application forms, the process of filing the appropriate forms, how financial aid is calculated and awarded, how to compare financial aid award letters, and making alternative financing decisions.

The representative is also familiar with MEFA's MassPlan program, which was designed for middle-income families who do not receive sufficient financial aid from traditional sources and who need help financing college costs. Since 1983, more than 37,000 MassPlan loans totaling over \$300 million have been issued to families through participating colleges and universities.

There will also be a question and answer period at the end of the session. Parents and families are encouraged to bring their personal financial figures so they can work along with the representative from MEFA.

Admission is free and further information or directions may be obtained by calling Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545. Any family interested in receiving an application for a low-cost college loan or more information can also contact MEFA at (617) 261-9760.

For copies of his photos in this edition, call Jack Devine at 789-0053. Thank you!

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Meeting Is Scheduled To Discuss Council Reduction Petition

Former Town Solicitor Anthony C. Bonavita and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson have announced that the first meeting has been scheduled to kick off the petition drive to reduce the council from 11 to seven members at large.

Bonavita stated, "Mayor Johnson and I are following through on our pledge to obtain the necessary signatures to reduce the council size to seven members. This issue is not about power, ego, or greed. It is about qualifications, consensus building, and a smoother functioning government."

"Many people in our community have offered their help to achieve this goal. On October 10, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Library Community Room, Cooper Street, Agawam, we will distribute petitions to those who wish to help and also will refine our plans for the signature drive."

Mayor Johnson added, "We urge anyone interested in helping with the petition to attend. It will be a sustained group effort. The goal is to put this on the ballot to let the voters decide. This process will allow the voters to make an educated, informed decision on this issue."

"The petition clearly states that the ballot question would be voted on at the November 4, 1997 regular municipal election and, if passed, the top seven candidates would take office on the first secular day of January 1998."

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Six Steps For Survival In The Event Of A Home Fire

Most fatal home fires happen at night while you and your family are sleeping. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to know these six steps for survival:

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3. Practice the plan with your family.
4. If possible, sleep with your bedroom door closed. It can help keep out smoke and gases while you escape.
5. If you're awakened by your smoke detector, roll out of bed and crawl to your bedroom door. Using the back of your hand, feel the door high and low. If it's hot, do not open the door; use your secondary exit.
6. Once you're outside, go to your meeting place and have someone go to a neighbor's to call the fire department (911).

The Agawam Fire Department has more information on home fire survival. Contact them at 786-2662.

Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

On September 16, 1996, Cory J. Flagg of 111 Berkshire Avenue, Southwick, was arrested and charged with operating so as to endanger, failing to stop for a police officer, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and attaching plates.

On September 17, 1996, Hazel Stuckey of 685 Bay Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon.

On September 18, 1996, David M. Kinsley of 509 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

On September 19, 1996, Steven K. Arsenault, Jr. of 397 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

On September 19, 1996, Bruce E. Stanten of 71 High Street was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 20, 1996, Robert C. Remillard of 94 Pineview Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with minor transporting alcohol.

On September 20, 1996, David M. Borowiec of 362 Adams Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

On September 21, 1996, Charles J. Lavimodiere of 81 Exposition Terrace, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On September 21, 1996, Timothy Taillefer of 1272 Morgan Road, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 21, 1996, Jerrie M. Lappie of 8 Willard Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

On September 22, 1996, Nicole M. Andrews of 1075 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon.

On September 23, 1996, Ivan Marrero of 164 Sergeant Street, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with shoplifting and an outstanding warrant.

On September 23, 1996, Benjamin K. Dodge of 11 Christopher Lane, Vernon, CT, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250 pursuant to a single scheme.

On September 23, 1996, Frank Valley of 42 Mont Moresi Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

On September 24, 1996, Ronald E. Wieners, Jr. of 43 Dogwood Lane, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

On September 25, 1996, George L. Pelchat of 23 Suffield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On September 26, 1996, Steven K. Arsenault, Jr. of 397 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order and two counts of breaking & entering.

On September 27, 1996, Paul D. Vienneau of 36C Robert Treat St., Milford, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

substance.

On September 27, 1996, William Ackerman II was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance and possession of a class "D" substance with intent to distribute.

On September 27, 1996, Alyssa L. Hathaway of 6A Elliot Street, Easthampton, was arrested and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

On September 27, 1996, David P. Rapillo of 25 Rising Trail, Middletown, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance and possession of a class "D" substance with intent to distribute.

On September 27, 1996, Ryan Marks of 109 Kensington Avenue, Meriden, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 27, 1996, Jason D. Castro of 162 Woodland Street, Meriden, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 27, 1996, Randy L. Fuller of 316 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

On September 27, 1996, Eric J. Holman of 93 Church Street, Moosup, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 27, 1996, Mark L. Landry of 101 Mercier Avenue, Bristol, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 27, 1996, Katie Borgatti of Main Street, Thompson, CT, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

On September 27, 1996, Randy L. Wagner of 48 Coach Drive, Wolcott, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 27, 1996, Jeremy Dusak of 332 South Main Street, Thomaston, CT, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

On September 27, 1996, Mario Santos, Jr. of 210 Clinton Hill Road, Wolcott, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 27, 1996, John M. Hall of 6 Birch Street, Wolcott, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On September 27, 1996, Richard A. Norell of 117 Main Street, South Windsor, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance and disorderly conduct.

On September 27, 1996, Trevor Deleware of 472 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, CT, was arrested and charged with possession of class "D" substance and disorderly conduct.

On September 27, 1996, Thomas J. Bloomer, Jr. of 118 Torrington Road, Goshen, CT, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

On September 27, 1996, Justin A. Haley of 1579 Meriden Avenue, Southington, CT, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

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— Obituaries —

Fred G. Marieb

Fred G. Marieb, 87, of 9 Mooreland St., Agawam, died September 11th in Kennesaw, Georgia. He was the proprietor of the Feeding Hills Public Market for many years.

Born in Lebanon, he lived most of his life in Feeding Hills and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. His wife, the former Victoria J. Karre, died in 1979.

He leaves two sons, Norman J. of Orange, Connecticut, and Michael F. of Feeding Hills; five daughters, Beverly A. Girouard of Agawam, Joyce Marieb of Spring Valley, California, Katherine Marieb of Concord, New Hampshire, Holly Williams of Westport, Connecticut, and Valerie Kurnick of Kennesaw; two sisters, Freda Caserio of Longmeadow and Eva Marieb of Springfield, 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Alan S. Lynch

Alan S. Lynch, 33, of 75 Clematis Road, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a cement finisher for Labarre Concrete Co. in Southwick for 13 years.

Born in Springfield, he spent many years in Westfield and Agawam. He attended Agawam High School.

He leaves his wife, the former Kimberly Rogers; three daughters, Carrie M. Lynch, Jennifer L. Lynch, and Kristin M. Lynch; his mother, Linda (Toro) Allan of Agawam; his grandmothers, Mickelina (Giannetti) Toro of Longmeadow, and Kathleen Barden of New Hampshire; and two sisters, Laura Berger of Ashaway, RI, and Gina Emanuel of Dedham.

A funeral Mass was held in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, with the burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

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Zoning Reform In Agawam Again To Be Reviewed By Town Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It's been a perennially popular campaign issue that typically generates enough rhetoric to float a hot air balloon. Usually, post-election reality sets in to reveal the magnitude and complexity of the task of zoning reform. The balloon deflates and is packed away for another two years.

For the most part, that's been the pattern here in Agawam. But, the recent attention focused on the town's zoning code in disputes ranging from a power plant in the industrial park to a drive-through window at a convenience store in Feeding Hills Center may have contributed to a new resolve to tackle the daunting task of zoning reform.

A Town Council sub-committee met last month to discuss options relating to updating the zoning code and to come up with a plan to begin moving forward on a review of the zoning code.

Zoning Review Committee Chairwoman Jill Simpson and members Dennis Perry and George Bitzas agreed that productive change would only occur with input from the various town boards and commissions who deal with zoning issues on a daily basis.

Mrs. Simpson said a memo has been sent to all town department heads, boards, and commissions to seek a list of recommendations for zoning changes that would enhance the quality of life in Agawam.

Council President Nancy Thompson called the move toward zoning reform "long overdue."

"The whole code needs to be reviewed in its entirety," Ms. Thompson said.

The recommendations of the various town departments, boards, and commissions will be discussed at the next meeting of the Zoning Review Committee on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 7:00 p.m., at the Agawam Public Library's Community Room.

"We're hoping to find that one or two ideas are popping up on everyone's list," Mrs. Simpson said. "Then we'll prioritize the recommendations and focus on the common denominators."

Mrs. Simpson said she hoped that having the suggestions come from the experts who deal in zoning code enforcement would have more of an impact on the council as a whole when the committee submits its recommendations for change.

"Just to pull out the inconsistencies in the zoning code would make the building inspector's job 100 percent easier," Mrs. Simpson said.

At the suggestion of Planning Director Deborah Dachos, the committee is looking into the possibility of having law school students from Western New England College take on a review of the zoning code as a class project. Often, a law class will comb through a municipality's zoning code looking for inconsistencies as a graded class project, Mrs. Simpson said.

Having law students do an assessment of the zoning laws would be a good place to begin the process of making major changes in the code, Ms. Thompson said.

"I hope this will come to fruition so that we can have a long overdue update to our zoning laws," Ms. Thompson said.

Agawam DPW Says October 25th Is Last Date For Applying For Fall Water Connections

The Agawam Department of Public Works has announced that October 25, 1996 is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 1997. This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

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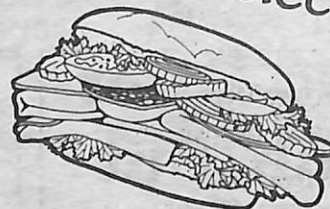
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George S. Dickson

George S. Dickson, 79, of 44 Line Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

He was a 10-year maintenance department employee for the State of Connecticut, retiring in 1979. Previously, he was a 20-year employee of Aerohart and Hagman in Hartford, CT. He also was a real estate broker in Connecticut.

Born in Hartford, he was a long-time resident prior to moving to Agawam seven years ago.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves a brother, David P. of Feeding Hills; two nephews, Joseph Cunningham of Keene, NH, and David Dickson of Connecticut; and a niece, Carol Cunningham of Honolulu, Hawaii.

A graveside service was held in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery in Hartford. The Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Lola J. Ulloa

Lola J. ("Mama Lolita") Mera Ulloa, 92, of 85 William Street, Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Ambato, Ecuador, she moved to Springfield 25 years ago, and to Agawam earlier this year.

Her husband, Maximiliano Ulloa, died in 1957.

She leaves a son, Carlos H. of Longmeadow; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Another son, Jaime O., died in 1981, and a daughter, Aidita V. Cisneros, in 1977.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greater Springfield Senior Services, 668 Industry Avenue, Springfield, MA 01104.

Francis C. Capitanio

Francis G. ("Frank") Capitanio, 78, of 273 Cedar Street, San Carlos, California, and formerly a long-time resident of Agawam, died in a Belmont, CA, hospital.

He was vice president of Springfield, MA, Steel Erectors Inc., and retired in 1988. He was previously a long time construction superintendent for Elwell Iron Works.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam before moving to San Carlos. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of

its Catholic Men's Club.

He was a past president of Local 357 of the Ironworkers Union, and a charter member and past president of the Agawam Chapter of Unico National.

He was a director of Unico National, and a state expansion director, instrumental in chartering the East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, and Ludlow chapters.

He belonged to the National Expansion Committee of Unico National, and was in the Elks and Knights of Columbus.

His first wife, Marie Labigalini, died in 1979.

He leaves his second wife, the former Carolyn D'Amato; two sons, Francis Capitanio of Framingham, MA, and John Capitanio of Davis, CA; two daughters, Patricia Teague, with whom he lived, and Lisa Maggi of Agawam; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, October 3rd, at Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield, with a service in the church and burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032.

John Roden

John ("Jocko") Rodeen, 60, of Feeding Hills and formerly of Springfield, died at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Leeds.

He was a retired Army cook and a veteran of two duty tours in South Vietnam. He served for 21 years and retired in 1987.

Born in Springfield, he was a life member and past commander of the city's Disabled American Veterans Chapter.

He leaves three brothers, Charles of Huntsville, Alabama, Thomas of West Brookfield, and Robert of Arlington, Texas; a sister, Winifred Shaw of Springfield; and nephews and nieces, including William of Bondsville, Palmer, and Michael of Indian Orchard, Springfield.

The funeral was held at Beers & Story Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in St. Thomas's Church and burial in the parish cemetery, all in Palmer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 68 Court Street, Springfield.

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Andrew B. Marcotte

Andrew B. Marcotte, 57, of 107 Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills, a 20-year salesman for Sears Roebuck Co., died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Magog, Quebec, he moved to Feeding Hills in 1972 and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, the former Rosemarie Choquette; two sons, Michael A. of Springfield and John C. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Amy L. Marcotte of Feeding Hills; a sister, Lise Morency of Magog; and a grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9a, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Thomas F. O'Connell

Thomas F. O'Connell, 73, of 16 Memorial Drive, Feeding Hills, died in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He was the 30-year director of electronics at Smith College in Northampton, and retired in 1991.

Born and schooled in Fall River, MA, he was a graduate of the New England Technical Institute in Providence, Rhode Island.

He was a veteran of World War II.

He lived in the Agawam area most of his life, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, the former Frances P. Custy; two sons, Thomas F. Jr. of Northampton, and Daniel J. of Granby, CT; a brother, William R. of Encinitas, CA; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills.

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Frank J. Schulz

Frank J. Schulz, 87, of 33 Plantation Drive, Agawam, died at home.

He founded National Metal Finishing Co. — formerly in Springfield and now in West Springfield — in 1946. He retired in 1975.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, he attended Butler, NJ schools and the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn.

He lived in Westfield before moving to Agawam 17 years ago. He belonged to the American Electroplaters Society and the National Association of Metal Finishers.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Springfield Country Club and the Springfield Ski Club in Blandford.

He summered at Otis Reservoir for 45 years.

He leaves his wife of 69 years, the former Augusta G. Wendel; three sons, Robert F. of Manalapan, NJ, Donald J. of Southwick, and John R. of Chelmsford; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058, or the church at 833 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Elizabeth Collins

Elizabeth ("Betty") Abrams Collins, 80, of 117 Leonard St., a 15-year bus driver for the former DePalma Bus Co., died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She retired in 1978. Born in Troy, New York, she was a 1937 graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield. She moved here in 1945. She attended the Agawam Congregational Church, and volunteered in its office.

She also was in the church's Ladies Aid Society and the Feeding Hills Grange-Bela Grotto Auxiliary. She was a descendent of Mayflower passengers.

Her husband, George H. Collins, died in 1989. She leaves three sons, George H. of Feeding Hills, John C. of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Steven R. of Agawam; a daughter, Mynetta L. Januska of Agawam; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, 01001, or the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, 01027.

David Grinnell

David Grinnell, 78, of Mission Hills, California, died on August 17, 1996.

Born in Agawam on October 10, 1917, he was one of Agawam High School's great football players along with Sam Provo.

He played semi-pro football with the Springfield Acorns in the 1960's.

Among those that he leaves behind are his cousin, Frank Petruzzello of East Longmeadow.

The funeral service was held on August 20, 1996, and the Noble Chapel Funeral Directors of San Fernando, California, were in charge of the arrangements. The interment was private.

Memorial Service For Elizabeth 'Betty' Pond

A memorial service will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church on Sunday, October 13th, at 2:00 p.m. for Elizabeth "Betty" Pond.

She was a longtime member of the church and the Ladies Aid Society. Betty was a Church School Teacher, Deacon, Trustee, and most recently a Church Office Wednesday volunteer.

Betty was active in the Adult Christian Education Classes held at the church. She was most instrumental in the history of the church for the 175th Church Anniversary Celebration held in 1994, and was also a History Booklet committee member for the anniversary.

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Regular Agawam Town Council Meeting
Agenda For Monday, October 7th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 9/18/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials, & Remonstrances
- (a) Resolutions
1. TR-96-27-Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Parcel of Land on Homer Street (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections
- None.
9. Public Hearings
- (a)
1. PH-96-7-(PE-96-4)-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) (Charter Review Commission) (Pres. Thompson) (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
- (a)
1. TOR-96-7-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49, Sec. 7C(8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Personnel Director) (Pres. Thompson, Coun. Langone & Caba) (2nd Reading).

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by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If they fund it, he will come.

Town Councilor Dennis Perry said retired Judge John F. Moriarty has agreed to represent the council at a public hearing if the funding is secured.

After meeting with Moriarty earlier this week, Perry said he expected to submit the necessary paperwork to have an item on the agenda of the Monday, October 7th meeting asking the council to hire the Springfield attorney.

Perry said he would present the council with the necessary documentation in support of an order calling for Moriarty to be hired to represent the council at a public hearing called to determine if the alleged misuse of public funds has been allowed by the council and the administration.

Perry said he would include information on the hourly rate to be charged and an estimate of the amount of time the job entails.

The hearing, scheduled for Monday, October 21st, was continued from an earlier council meeting so that the council would have enough time to hire legal representation.

In a 6-1 vote with two abstentions and two councilors absent, the council voted to hire an attorney at the September 18th meeting, but no particular attorney was specified.

Due to the time constraints in getting Moriarty on board before the October 21st meeting, a special meeting of the council will be necessary.

"We should be able to have a first reading of the order on Monday, the 7th," Perry said. "Then I will probably call a special meeting for the week of October 14th when it can come up for a vote. That way, we'll know where we stand for the public hearing."

Despite advice from the town solicitor that holding the public hearing could result in the town and the councilors facing potential liability for defamation, slander, or libel, the majority of the council agreed that a hearing petitioned by former Town Councilor Valentine Moreno on behalf of 59 voters must be held.

Town Solicitor Thomas L. Locke advised the council that allegations of criminal misconduct should be investigated by an appropriate law enforcement agency which is trained and qualified to conduct such investigations.

Councilor Kent Servis said Moriarty will be hired under the provisions of Council Rule 38, which state that the funds for an independent attorney will come from the Law Department's consultant fund.

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Melconian Is Honored At "The Big E"

Recognizing her committed and constant support of the annual "Big E," the Eastern States Exposition, Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) was honored with a "Friend of the Big E" award on September 25th during the celebration of Agawam Day at the 1996 Big E.

"I am very appreciative of this award," said Melconian, who was awarded an engraved desk clock. "I have enjoyed the Big E since I was a child. I have always tried to do what I could to support it because of the economic activity the event brings to Western Massachusetts."

The organizers of the "Big E" recognized the work that Melconian has done to preserve the "Big E" and the surrounding area. This year's Transportation Bond Bill included \$3.5 million for the Memorial Avenue project, which will be used for road improvements and construction on the road leading to the Exposition.

Melconian, along with Representative Walter DeFilippi (R-West Springfield), were also able to raise awareness of the deteriorating condition of the Massachusetts Building at the Big E.

Although the \$1 million allocated in the Capital Outlay Bill stalled at the close of the formal legislative session in July, Melconian has not wavered in her commitment to the Big E and her desire to finalize the state funding essential for the proposed renovations.

"More than 80 percent of the people who visit the Big E each year pass through the six New England state buildings. They are always among the most popular features of the 17-day event," Melconian said.

"Bringing closure to the renovation of the Massachusetts State Building will be a top priority of mine over the next six months," Melconian said. "It is a state issue, a state building, and it deserves state funding."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE!!!

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 21, 1996 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated September 10, 1996 for permission to: WMECO to relocate one (1) joint pole and install anchor on westerly side of street, approximately 22 ft. from old pole, in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 26th day of September, 1996. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 787-9460.

Petition No. 1349, Street - Mill Street.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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LEGAL NOTICE



SENATE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER Linda J. Melconian is presented with an engraved desk clock by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary. Melconian was honored as a "Friend of the Big E" on Wednesday, September 25th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will reconvene the public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, OCT. 17, 1996 at 7:00 P.M., or at the conclusion of the scheduled public hearing, for all parties interested in the appeal of TGE AGAWAM, a Limited Liability Corporation with principal address at 99 Prim Road, Colchester, VT, which is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, in order to construct an Assisted Living Facility for care of residents with Alzheimer's Disease, at the premises identified as CARDINAL DRIVE (Quail Run Project).

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Families

Nygrens Celebrate 68th Anniversary At Quail Run Celebration

Isabelle and Stanley Nygren, residents of Quail Run Estates Retirement Community in Agawam, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on September 24th. They were married in Springfield in 1928 at Trinity Methodist Church's Grace Chapel on Sumner Avenue near Forest Park.

Rev. Adams was the minister that performed the ceremony, which was held during the day at 12:30 p.m. (a time chosen so Isabelle's co-workers from Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Co. could come to the wedding during their lunch hour from work). Relatives and other friends of the couple also attended the service.

Belle's sister, Eleanor (Mrs. Robert) Berry, was the matron of honor. A friend, Harold Thunberg, was Stan's best man.

Isabelle was born in North Adams, Massachusetts. Stan's birthplace was Sweden, where his parents lived for a time during the Depression; but when Stanley was a few weeks old, they returned to the States to live.

They went on a honeymoon to Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, Virginia, driving a Buick Coupe borrowed from Stan's father because it was in better shape than the car he owned at the time. He is still driving and Belle, as well, just had her driver's license renewed ... good until the year 2000.

The couple lived for 45 years at 70 Federal Avenue in Agawam until they moved to Quail Run Estates on July 8th. They were the first people to move into the complex off Cooper Street.

They chose an apartment with a view with trees because they had had that where they formerly lived. Their house sold in a month, and now they have a lovely, one-bedroom apartment which opens out onto a nice private patio.

All their friends who have visited them at Quail Run say their new home is beautiful, according to Belle. The Nygrens are glad they don't have to worry any more about the upkeep of a yard, although they enjoyed the yardwork when they were living in their house.

The Nygrens are members of Agawam Congregational Church. Kurt Fuller, their minister, comes to Quail Run for services in the chapel twice a month, which any of the residents may attend.

In the photo accompanying this article, the dress Isabelle is wearing is the actual dress she wore to her wedding 68 years ago. She wore it to supper at Quail Run in the dining room on September 24th, along with a lovely corsage her husband bought her for this special occasion. It's



STANLEY & ISABELLE NYGREN were married on September 24th, 1928 at Trinity Methodist Church in Springfield. The couple are now residents of the new Quail Run Estates in Agawam.

a pale blue, lacey-looking dress which is still in excellent shape, and the "bride" still fits into it perfectly.

A pianist provided dinner music on the residence's grand piano.

Isabelle made a joke about their long life together. She said, "We're still speaking after 68 years together ... we don't always hear each other, but we're still speaking!" They are a remarkable, active couple, always pleasant and a joy to be around.

The other people living at Quail Run have enjoyed making friends with this wonderful pair and wish them much happiness and good health in their future.

Beautification Comm. Says Treebelt Law "Total Success"

At the end of the first summer since its enactment, the Beautification Committee reports the new treebelt ordinance a total success. Approximately 20 complaints were registered and corrective action soon followed.

More significantly, when brought to the attention of the responsible person, voluntary cooperation invariably followed and not in one instance was it necessary to invoke the punitive fine provision of the ordinance.

Councilman George Bitzas, who introduced the ordinance in the Town Council at the request of the Beautification Committee, said, "There were those doubters who were afraid the ordinance would either become another meaningless, unenforceable item on the books, or would be used to form some sort of litter police harassment. Our actual experience confirms those fears were completely unfounded. The community has accepted it in the spirit intended." He went on to say that some of those same doubters are now suggesting ways it might be used to bring about other improvements in town.

John Zebryk of the Beautification Committee attributes much of this first-year success directly to Building Inspector Nick Urbinati and Don Donahue and staff who are charged with enforcement. "As we intended, Nick uses a friendly non-threatening approach and a liberal use of 'thank you' to bring about the results wanted," Zebryk said.

The private and business citizens of Agawam recognize and accept the reasonableness of its provisions. Bitzas went on to say that the existence of this ordinance has even allowed us to approach some owners of private property, away from the public treebelt, and persuade them to make changes to improve the appearance of the neighborhood.

Mt. Carmel Church Planning 5th Annual "Taste Of Italy"

The fifth Annual Festival of "The Taste of Italy" will be held on Saturday, October 5, 1996 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Auditorium, 36 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA.

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Food tickets in 50 cent increments will be sold at the door. A benefit raffle for parish restoration will take place at 8:00 p.m.

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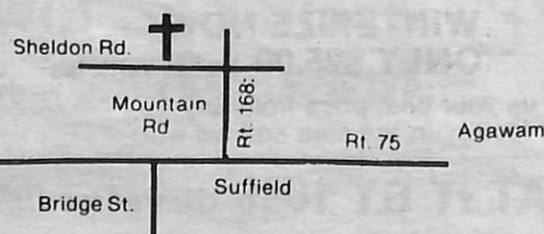
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THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB opened its 1996-1997 club year with a pot luck supper at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Monday, September 23rd. From left, club members include - Karen Douglass, recording secretary; Gail Russo, director; Faith Freeman, 2nd vice-president; Joanne Willis, president; and members Sandy Mueller, Ruth Pieper, and Phyllis Catchepaugh. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Women's Club Opens New Club Year With Pot Luck Supper

On September 23rd, the Agawam Women's Club held its first meeting of the year. There was an abundance of delicious food for the traditional pot luck supper held at every first meeting of the year. There were also two raffle drawings and a guest speaker. It was an enjoyable evening.

New members are always welcome. The meetings are held every fourth Monday of each month September through April and are held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam at 7:30 p.m.

Some of the upcoming monthly programs are: a tour of the new Agawam Fire Station on Main Street, "It's Magic" with Wayne Ball, and Dr. Tami Nelson to speak on "Holiday Stress Busters" (to name a few).

Anyone wanting more information in becoming a member or attending a meeting, may call Joanne Willis, President, at 789-1360.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S Club gathered for their opening meeting of the new club year last week. Some of the members who participated included Alice Collins, Evelyn Mogue, Elaine Smith, and Jane Templeton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 7th: Shepard's pie, carrot coins, rye bread, bananas, grape juice.

Tuesday, October 8th: Birthdays and anniversaries — Apple orchard pork chop, mashed potato, acorn squash, cake.

Wednesday, October 9th: Tortellini with meatballs, tossed salad, Peter's bread, ice cream.

Thursday, October 10th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, October 11th: French onion soup, seafood salad on a roll, tossed salad, peaches.

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West Springfield Chamber Of Commerce To Again Sponsor Dinner & Mystery Play

Thursday, October 10th at 7:30 p.m., the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor a dinner and mystery play in the Storowton Carriage House. This year's presentation will be "THE ROARING TWENTIES' HOMICIDES" acted by experienced, professional actors and actresses.

The cast will mingle with the audience throughout the performance, giving clues and bringing each person into the plot. Everyone will have a chance to solve the mystery.

A choice of Yankee Pot Roast or Boneless Breast of Chicken entree is offered with Storowton's delicious deep dish apple pie for dessert. This evening of entertainment with dinner served in the Storowton tradition is only \$28 per person.

Reservations are necessary! The deadline date is Friday, October 4th. Tickets may be purchased from committee members Janet McCarthy at BayBank (731-4777), Joyce Viecegli, Drs. Girotti, White, Winn & Torchia (788-9621), William McClure, Jr. at McClure Insurance (781-8711), or Jean Falk at the Chamber office (787-1550). Checks should be made payable to the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Take a trip down memory lane back to the days of smoke-filled "speakeasies" and bathtub gin. Hop in your Model T and Chaleston on down to this Murder Mystery Madness audience participation comedy.

The public is invited! Couples or singles will enjoy this hilarious evening of entertainment.

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PAUL REIPRICH received a "Host of the Day Award" on September 19th by BIG E President Wayne McCary. Reiprich has been an assistant gate captain at The BIG E for the past eight years. He is a full-time employee of ITT Hartford.

Paul Reiprich Named "Host Of The Day" At The BIG E

Paul Reiprich of Feeding Hills was presented The Big E "Host Of The Day" award on September 19, 1996 by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary. Reiprich, who has worked as an assistant gate captain at The Big E for eight years, is an employee of ITT Hartford in the accounts receivable department.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair's philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the Exposition's customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go "above and beyond the call" in their interactions with fairgoers. Reiprich was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E.

As a gate officer for The Big E, Reiprich is responsible for admissions at busy Gate 1, where fairgoers enter and where emergency vehicles, performers, and other personnel are admitted.

He received a Host of the Day plaque and 1996 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Paul Reiprich personifies what we call the Big E Spirit. He is known for his positive attitude and way he transfers good feelings to everyone he meets. Not only is he a tremendous goodwill ambassador for the fair, he is an effective gate officer," said McCary at the ceremony which was attended by fair officers, managers, and co-workers.

Parents' Group At Work Opportunity Ctr. Reschedules Tag Sale

The annual tag sale sponsored by the Parents' Group of the Work Opportunity Center has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., next to Starzic's Pride Service Station, 1672 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. The rain date is Sunday, October 6th.

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POLISH CLUB BINGO DONATION: The Bingo Committee of the Polish American Club recently donated \$1,000 towards the new van at the Agawam Senior Center. Charles Heyl (center) accepts the check from Bingo Committee member Rosemary Kusiak. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Senior Center Friends Slate Annual Meeting For Friday, Nov. 1st

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center has scheduled its annual meeting for Friday, November 1, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board of Directors of "Friends" will be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year to start on January 1st and to end on December 31st.

Members of "Friends" are urged to attend the annual meeting. Anyone interested in serving as a director should contact President Lillian Doyle at 786-9586.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 10, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Pelce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Withee for work to be performed at 1100 River Road, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: October 3, 1996

Building Industry Expo Coming To Chez Josef On Tuesday, Oct. 15th

The Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts is sponsoring its ninth annual Building Industry Expo, a trade show for construction industry professionals, on Tuesday, October 15, 1996 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.

According to Chairman David Boyajian of Boyajian Remodeling, 75 local and national exhibitors, representing the entire spectrum of the construction industry and related businesses, will display the latest and most innovative products and services during this one-day trade show.

A complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres buffet will be served from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Admission is free for those affiliated with the construction industry. To receive free admission tickets or to obtain booth space, please call Tina Smith at the Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts, (413) 733-3126.

CROPWALK "96" Slated For October 20th

CROPWALK "96" has been slated for Sunday, October 20th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Agawam United Methodist Church parking lot (across from Agawam High School). Registration will take place from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

CROPWALK "96" will be celebrating 50 years of helping the hungry and homeless around the block and around the world.

Please help by sponsoring, walking, or both! Forms may be obtained from Bob Broga at 786-7720 or Rev. Rob Donaldson at 786-5061.

Sasha Zebryk Speaker At Women's Meeting At Holiday Inn

Agawam resident Sasha Zebryk of MDZ Seminars, Training, Keynotes, will answer the question, "How Do Women Sell Themselves?" at the October 17th breakfast of the Women Business Owners Alliance of the Pioneer Valley (WBOA).

Sasha offers programs on business, professional, and personal development. Her courses are offered to regional businesses, through seminar organizations, and regularly at area colleges.

Whether you need a primer or a refresher on how to sell yourself (because isn't that what being a business owner is all about?), join other business women owners at the Holiday Inn, Ingleside at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 17th.

For more information or to register, call 413-827-4128.

Tickets Available For Friends/COA Oct. 30th Dinner

Tickets are now available for the annual Friends/Council on Aging Dinner. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 1996, at Chez Josef.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The cost of tickets is \$20 per person, and tickets are available at the Agawam Senior Center, from Friends Board members, and from the members of the Agawam Council on Aging.

Friends will bestow its Friendship Award to a senior who has volunteered to improve the lives of Agawam's seniors. The Agawam Council on Aging will present the Andrew Gallano Award for meritorious service to elders.

For further information, call Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

Agawam Garden Club To Meet On October 8th

Russ Fox of the Southwick Florist will give a talk on "House Plants" at the October 8th meeting of the Agawam Garden Club. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Fox will discuss selection, planting, and care of house plants, and this will be the first time he is a guest of the club. Guests are welcome to attend.

The menu for the annual banquet to be held in November at the First Baptist Church will be planned. Refreshments will be served following the meeting by a committee headed by Terry Angotti and Nancy Smith.

Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Dinner On October 5th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on October 5, 1996.

Servings are from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Adults are \$7.25, children under 12 are \$4, and children under five are free.

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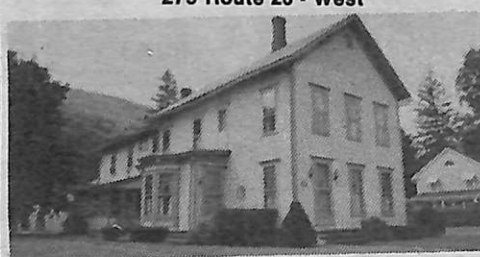
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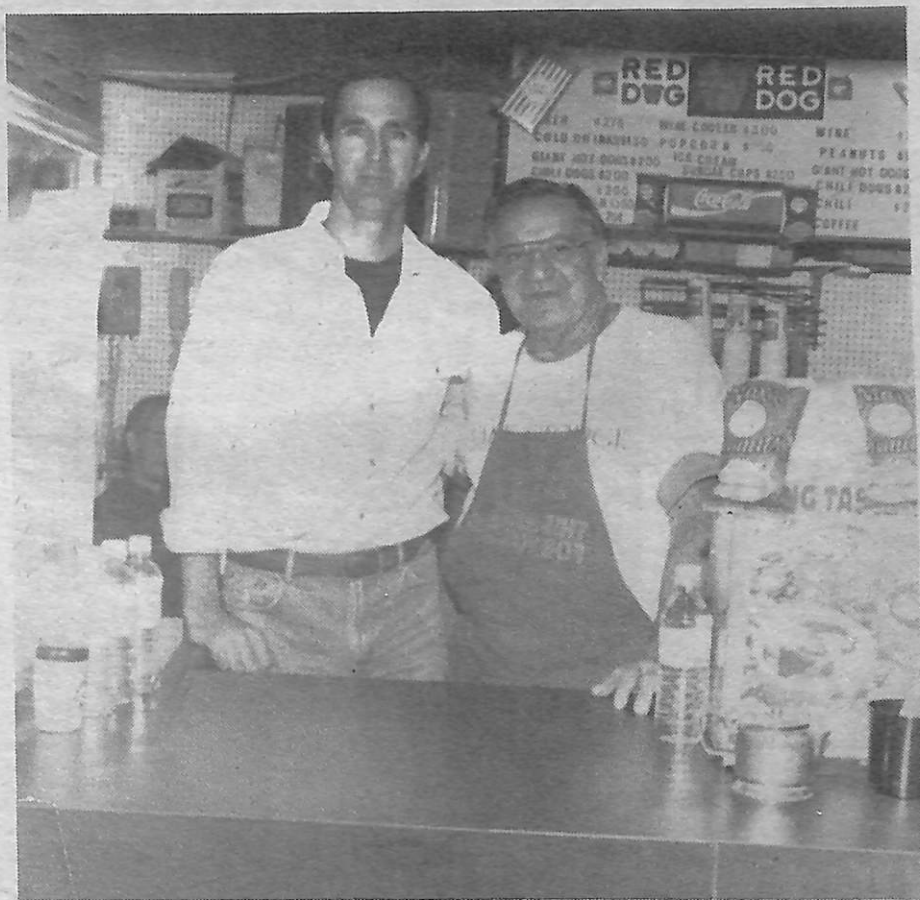
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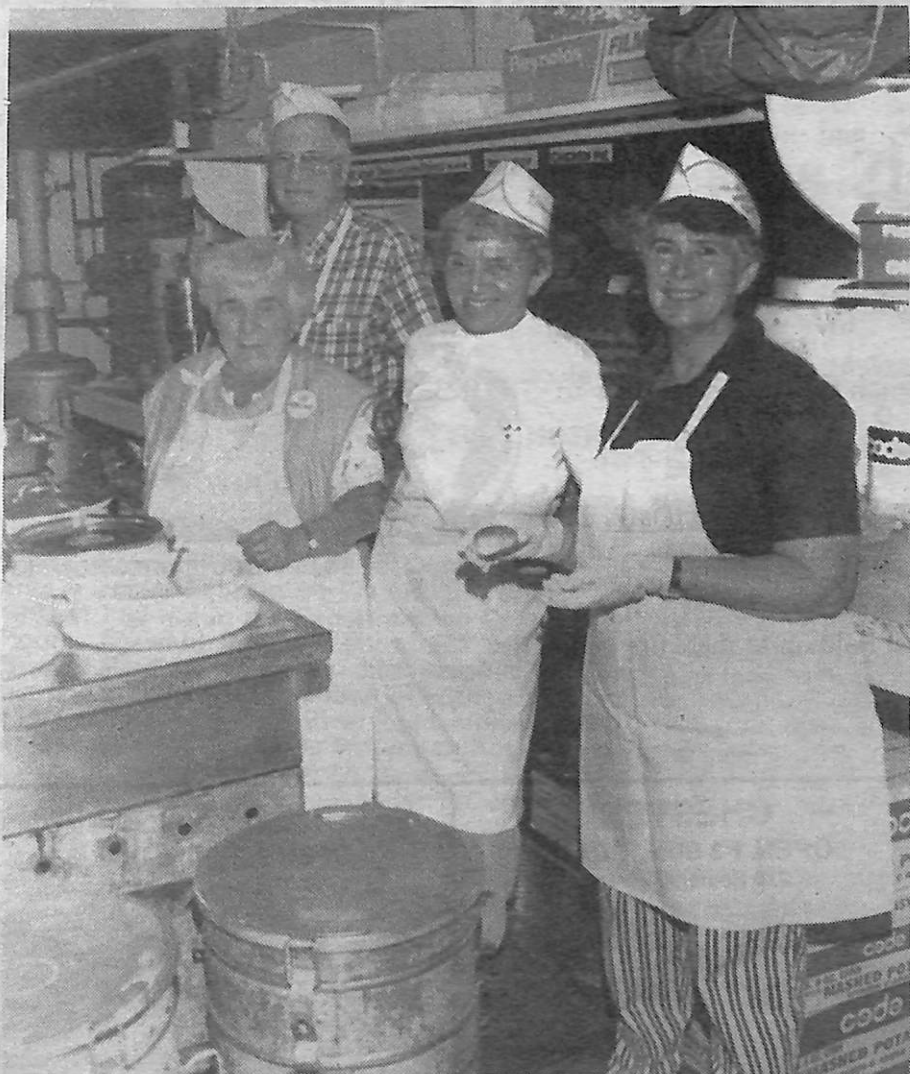
Agawam At "The Big E"!!!



SERVING HUNGRY FAIRGOERS at this year's Big E at the "Grinderama" were Bob McNeish and Bill Alouise. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MANNING THE INFORMATION BOOTH at The Big E (from left to right): Margaret Flynn, Pat Lalancette, and Norma Howe. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"BEHIND THE SCENES" at The Big E's "Grinderama" (from left to right): Mary Boire, Lou Ann Foley, Bernie Steadman, and Sharon Hoessler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE BIG E INFORMATION BOOTH, Rose Mezzetti and Vickie Natale were on hand to sell Exposition souvenirs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Robert Watson, Chairman
Published: October 3, 1996

ADVERTISER NEWS

E. Cecchi Farms Is Recognized By The Eastern States Exposition

E. Cecchi Farms was recently awarded two first place/champion ribbons in the Native Produce Display competition at the 75th edition of the Eastern States Exposition.

Competing in both the Low Back Commercial and High Back Commercial categories against growers from around the region, E. Cecchi Farms won first place in both categories.

The High Back exhibit featured an antique wooden plow surrounded by vegetables grown on the farm and a tribute to the farm's 50th anniversary at its current Springfield Street location. The focus of the Low Back display was a rainbow of peppers spilling from an antique metal fertilizer hopper.

Judges used the following criteria to evaluate

the displays: Quality accounts for 50 percent of the score; Utility Value, 20 percent; Arrangement & Design, 15 percent; and Number of Varieties, 15 percent.

Designed by David, Bobby, and Michael Cecchi, both displays featured more than a dozen types each of peppers and winter squash, nearly half a dozen varieties of eggplant, beans, corn, mums, herbs, and other vegetables.

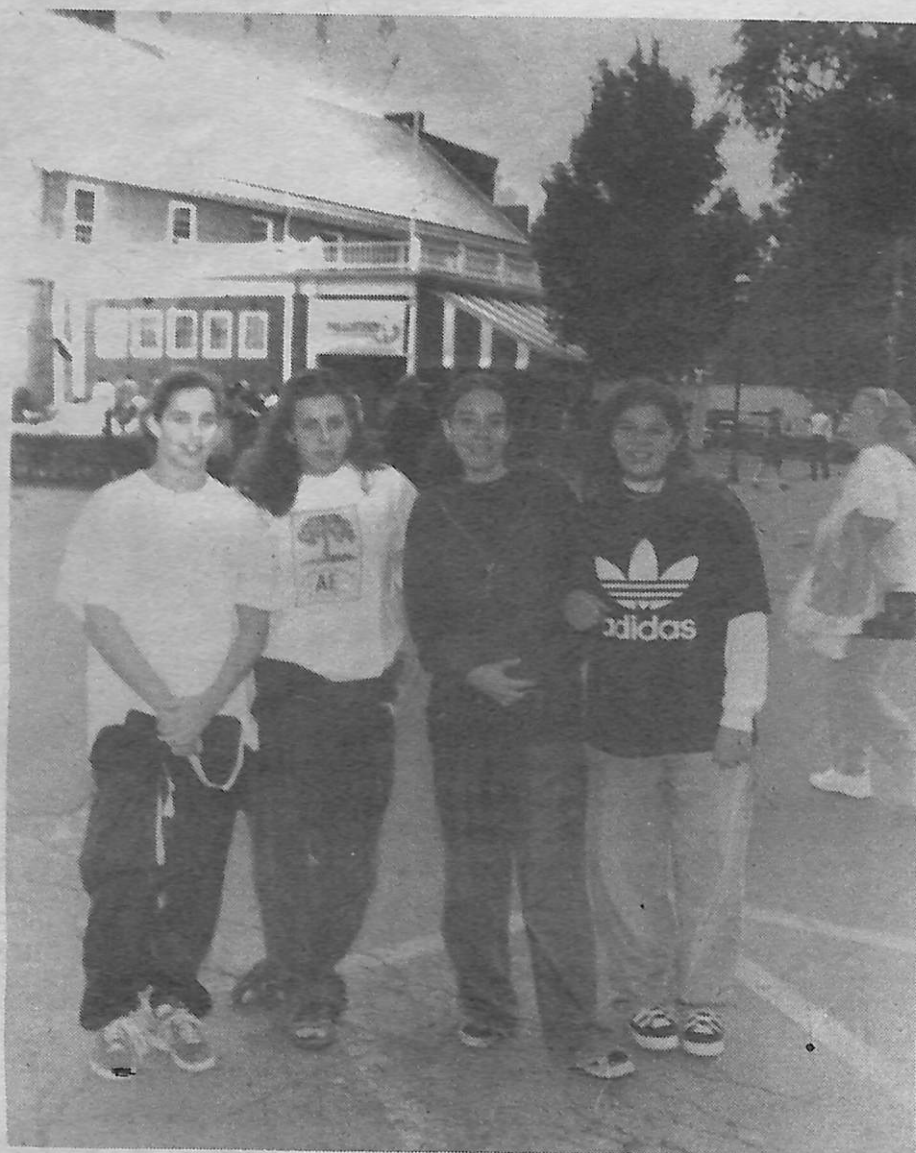
E. Cecchi Farms has participated in the High Back Native Produce Display, which is now located in the Farm-A-Rama building, for many years. In recent years, they have frequently taken home first place ribbons.

This was the first year the farm participated in the Low Back division.

Agawam At "The Big E"!!!



AT THE ALLEN LAWNMOWER DISPLAY at this year's edition of The Big E (from left to right): John Alves, Robert Jacques (Honda), Al McLean, and Scott Pempek (Honda). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ANGELA BURKE, KATIE HARPER, AMBER TEAHAN, AND BETH DUQUETTE were among the many Agawam and Feeding Hills students who visited The Big E on "Agawam Day" (Wednesday, September 25th). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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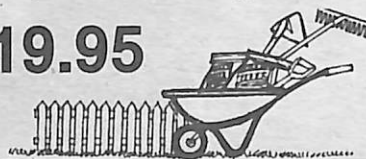
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CAROLYN LAWRY of Fini's Plant Farm arranges a basket of gourds.
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AN OUTDOOR VIEW of the "store" that Fini's Plant Farm operated during the 1996 edition of The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL COLORGUARD — a.k.a. the "Marching Mohawks" — performed at The Big E in West Springfield on "Agawam Day" (Wednesday, September 25th). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

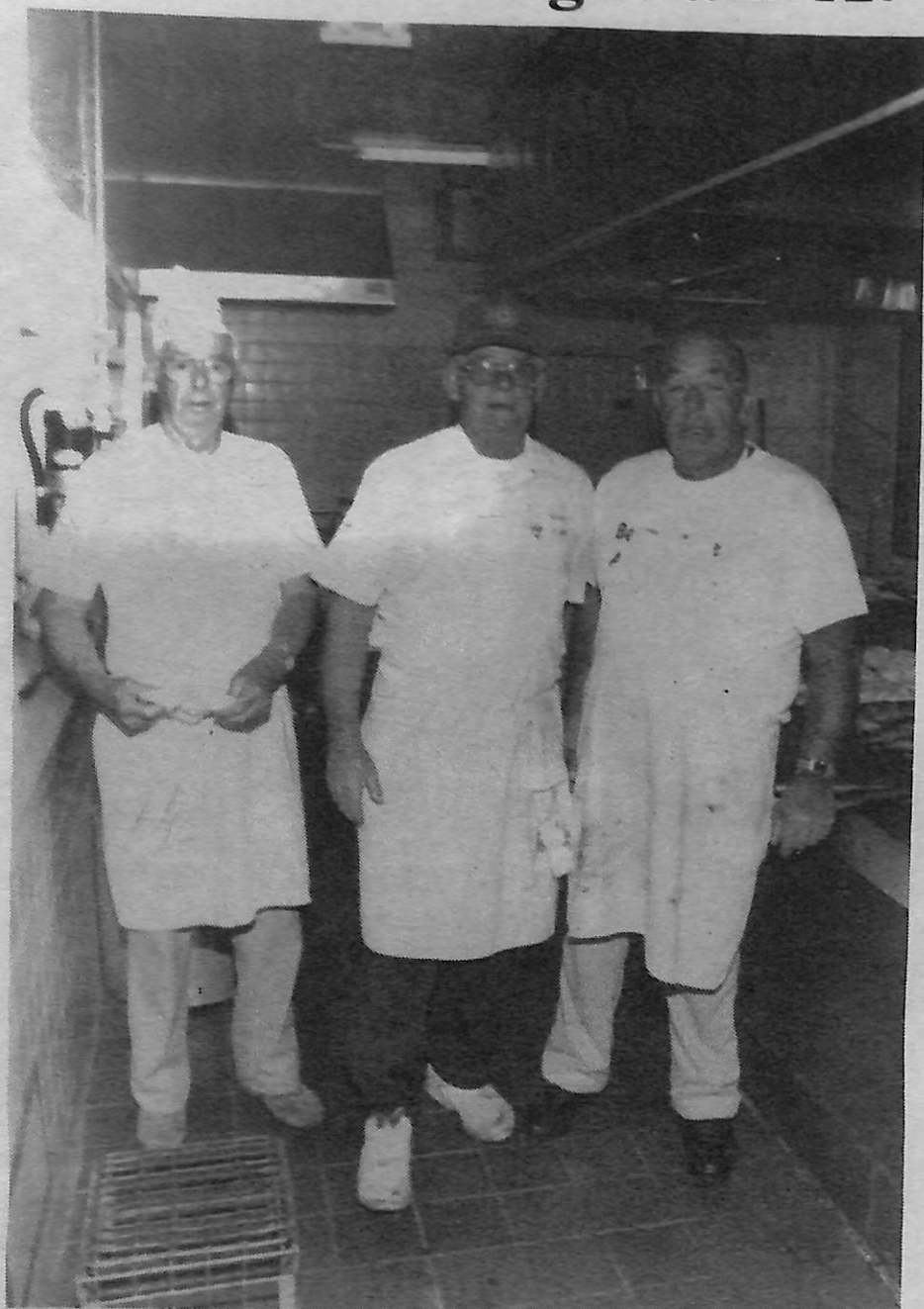


AT THE STATE LINE GAZEBO on the grounds of The Big E, **AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS** entertained the fairgoers on "Agawam Day" (Wednesday, September 25th). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!" - Agawam junior cheerleaders were at The Big E on "Agawam Day" (Wednesday, September 25th). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

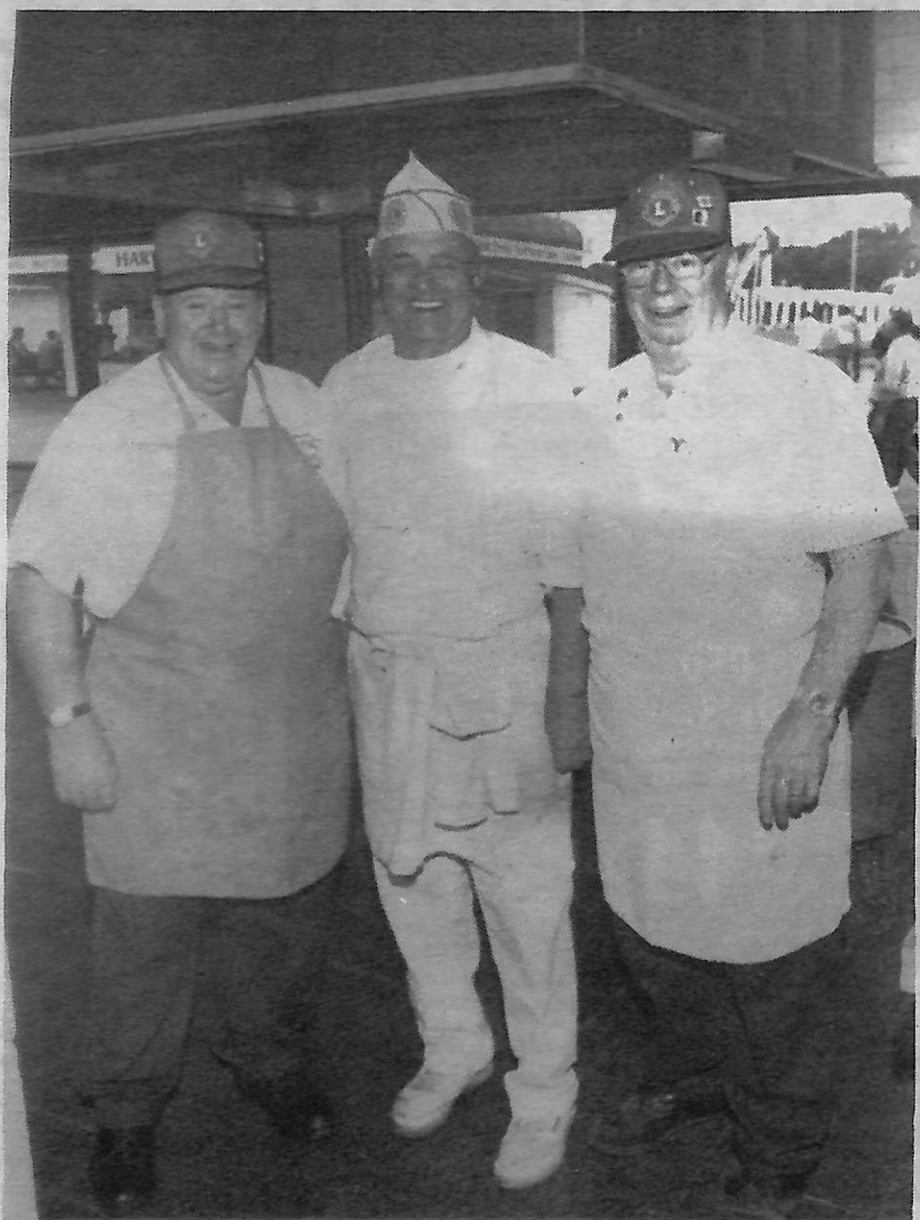
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WORKING IN THE LIONS CLUB KITCHEN at The Big E (from left to right): Bill Gardiner, Jim Taupier, and Jack Kunasek. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LIONS CLUB VOLUNTEERS Irene Sorel, Bernadette Johnston, and Laurie Jameson were ready to wait on fairgoers during the 1996 Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUDGING FROM THE HAPPY EXPRESSIONS on their faces, Lions Club members Lyman Simpson, Joe Curran, and Jim Loomis enjoyed themselves during The Big E's recent run in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LORIS EPPS OF AGAWAM (center) demonstrates weaving in the New England Center on the grounds of The Big E, "New England's Fall Classic," during the fair's opening day (September 13th). Epps is a member of the Springfield Weaver's Guild.

For copies of his photos in this edition, call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Church News

BIG E Again Focus Of Agawam Churches As Fall Fundraiser

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Several Agawam and Feeding Hills churches have taken advantage of the Eastern States Exposition over the years to raise money for particular church needs by sponsoring food service for Big E customers.

This year, we had the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, Methodist Church, and the Valley Congregational Church manning food service with volunteers.

METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church facility at the Big E had both a dining room and a refreshment stand. It was located at the west end of The Avenue of States, opposite the Rhode Island Building and near the Grange Building.

Sit-down breakfasts were waitressed from 6:00 to 11:00 a.m. and volunteers felt they served hearty breakfasts for many of the fair workers. After that, it was window service, but customers could carry their food to the dining room tables, or just stroll along.

A specialty for breakfast was r-e-a-l maple syrup on pancakes. The full breakfast line included eggs, bacon, ham or sausage, muffins, bagels, etc.

Through lunch time and the evening, the refreshment stand served combinations of hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, clam chowder, French fries, and beverages.

Apple, blueberry, and cherry pies were made by members of the congregation. They were sold in slices, with ice cream, or could be purchased whole. There was also soft serve and strawberry shortcake.

Paula Bernier and Lynn Montgomery were in charge of the Restaurant Committee, and workers were volunteers. The project was a fundraiser for the church with a percentage of profits going for mission. All the tips received by the workers go to local food programs for the hungry, according to Pastor Reuben Telemaque.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

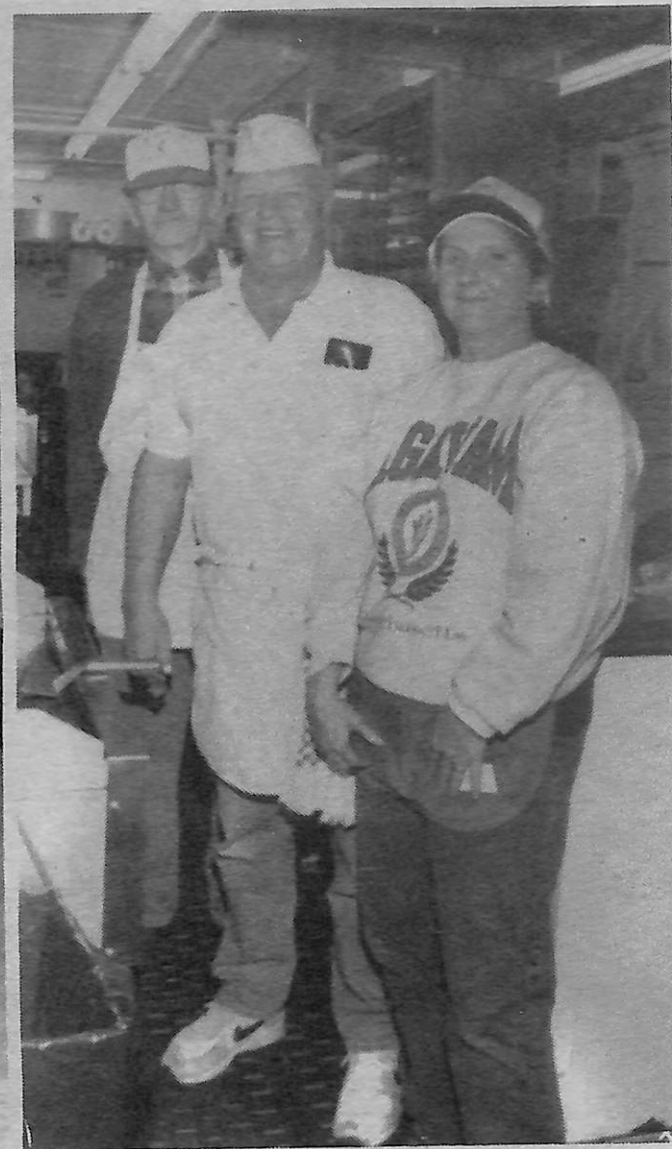
A complete sit-down dinner served from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the little church in the Storowton Green basement was by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Only three times during the Big E, breakfasts were prepared and served either for herdsmen or special groups that hire these volunteers to make and serve a breakfast.

Thirty-seven years ago, Perry McCobb and Bertram Goodwin organized the church's initial participation in the Big E and they invited Ernie Swanson to be treasurer. Jeffrey Hill is current chairman; Matthew Granger, treasurer; and Swanson is in charge of the back-up kitchen at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

A beautiful sketch of the church building and a history of the church (written by Grace Clark and Naida King) were on the placemats in the dining room, along with the menu.

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CHURCHES AT THE BIG E: In photo left, Shirley Taylor and Susie Pearsons pose outside the Valley Community Church restaurant at The BIG E on Agawam Day, Wednesday, September 25th. In photo right, volunteers at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church restaurant are all smiles after another busy lunch - Elmer Sheffer, Art Chase, and Paula Bernier. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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CHURCH VOLUNTEERS ON AGAWAM DAY AT THE BIG E: From left - at the Valley Community Church restaurant - Dick Taylor, Lyle Pearsons, Ben Fish, and Dale Pearsons; the Feeding Hills Congregational restaurant - Catherine Gardner, Blanche Schacletio, Henry Dunwoody, and Elsie Ziemba.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HAPPY ABOUT ANOTHER BUSY LUNCH at the Feeding Hills Congregational restaurant at The BIG E included, from left - Jim Wooliver, Ed Harris, and Barbara Dunwoody.

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HELPING OUT AT THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH restaurant on Agawam Day at THE BIG E included, from left - Durham Caldwell, Louise Lisee, and Percy Mickey.

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CHURCHES AT THE BIG E - from Page 22..

Five meals offered for lunch or dinner were roast sirloin of beef, boneless breast of capon, chicken pie, meatloaf, and baked ham. They were served with whipped potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert, and beverage.

Folks formed long lines at mealtime along the Storowton Village paths and down the church stairs to the dining room (where they ate while sheltered from the fair's noise and bustle).

A few volunteers from other churches helped out and proceeds are divided, according to hours worked. Among them were workers from Agawam Congregational Church and Mittineague Church in West Springfield.

The group prided itself in providing a good homecooked meal at a good price in an attractive setting.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

A refreshment stand in the Food Court of the BIG E was sponsored by Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. Customers carried their orders to the tables and chairs in the Food Court.

Volunteers worked in four shifts, about six or seven at a time, between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., preparing breakfasts and lunch food from noon to closing. Dale Pearson was chairperson and Kathy Manley was co-chairperson.

The church has participated in the Big E for 30 years, according to Pearson. They started in a tent, then moved to a building, which was demolished to make way for the Food Court. The church stand was one of a number surrounding a court of tables.

Proceeds will be used for the mortgage and to keep up the driveway that winds upward from South Westfield Street to the church on the hill.

Homemade apple, cherry, and peach cobblers with whipped cream were a specialty and were made by elder volunteers at the church kitchen.

There was a special children's lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwich, French fries, and soda.

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Catholic Women Plan Macaroni Supper For Thursday, Oct. 10th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is pleased to announce that Jennie Christopher (renowned in this area for her perfectly prepared pasta and meatballs) and Barbara Gingras will put on a Macaroni Supper on Thursday, October 10th, at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained in advance at St. John's rectory, from any board or committee member, or at the door that evening. Tickets for adults are \$4.50 each, and children under 12 are \$2.50 each.

Take-out dinners will be available. Sauce will be sold for \$3, and meatballs (in a package of 10) will also be sold for \$3. Advance orders may be placed with Barbara Gingras at 786-7037, but they may be purchased the night of the dinner.

Serving on the committee are the following: Mickey Adelman, Peg Altobelli, Betsey Ciempa, Rose Dean, Rose Marie Fazio, Eleanor Funai, Mary Gontczaruk, Bea Hamel, Helen Lenihan, Theresa Martin, Minnie Moran, Eileen Lutat, Eleanor Pietroniro, Evelyn Romano, and Millie Vassallo.

St. John's Guild To Hold Shoe Sale

St. John's Guild will sponsor a shoe sale on Tuesday, October 8th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish center at the rear of the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam.

Women's shoes in all sizes and styles will be available at the low price of \$12. The public is invited.

1st Baptist Church Featuring 2 New Falls Classes For Adults

The observance of holy communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. A special skit focusing on stewardship will be presented by several members.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall. Classes for all ages will be held until 11:45 a.m.

Two new classes are being featured this fall for adults: "Nuts and Bolts Christianity," led by the Pastor, and "Faith Comes By Hearing," led by Marjorie Greenough.

As usual, nursery care is available for all events of the morning.

At 4:00 p.m., the Pioneer Valley Baptist Association will hold its Fall meeting at the Federated Church in Granville. The business meeting will convene at 4:30 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and evening worship at 6:30 p.m.

Last-minute reservations may be made by calling (413) 357-8583.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, October 7th: 8:00 p.m., All members are invited to join with the Amicitia and Sunshine Circles to hear a presentation given by Rev. Leonard Cowan of St. David's Episcopal Church and Rev. David Hauler of the Victory Church. The subject will be Racial Reconciliation. Refreshments will follow in Davis Hall.

Tuesday, October 8th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle (meet at the home of Jeanne Webster); 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, October 9th: 7:15 a.m., Mid Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 10th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, October 11th: 7:00 p.m., Senior Youth Group.

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Church News - continued...

Chicken Suppers At Valley Community To Resume Oct. 12th

Valley Community Church is excited about the return of their monthly chicken suppers.

The first supper of the new season will take place on Saturday, October 12th. Continuous servings will again be available from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The price is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Due to popular demand, the menu will once again consist of: baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls with butter, and a beverage.

And to top it all off, you get your choice from our community-famous dessert table. Our church bakers are eagerly waiting to fill the dessert table with some new and mouthwatering "goodies," making your decision to choose even more difficult.

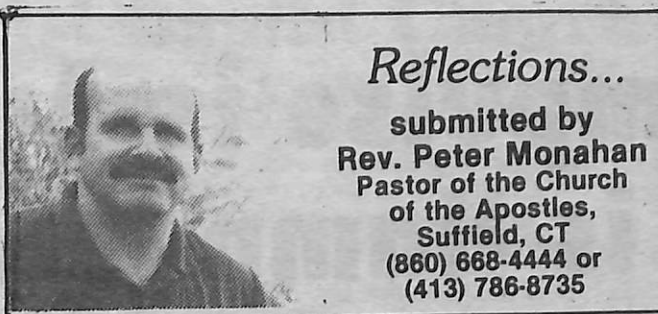
Reservations are very strongly suggested by calling Dot Wells at 786-6031 or Shirley Taylor at 786-2576.

Valley Community Church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Plan to come early and see the view of the valley as nature presents its multitude of changing fall colors for your enjoyment.

Adoration Society To Meet Oct. 4th At St. Thomas Church

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Thomas Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 4th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.



Reflections...

submitted by
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God's Disappointment

Have you ever known somebody who has started a new business? The entrepreneur begins his or her endeavor with great energy and ambition. The business seems bound to succeed, if only because of the resources of the owner's life being poured into it.

Yet, more new businesses fail than succeed. Sometimes, that which begins with hope ends in disappointment.

People are not the only sufferers of disappointment. God is also. In Isaiah 5, the prophet speaks of God's disappointment.

"Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stone, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?"

"When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down."

Perhaps Jesus had these words of Isaiah in mind when he told the parable of the wicked tenants. In Jesus' parable, the landowner is disappointed because the tenants to whom he rented a vineyard refuse to pay him their rent. The landowner sends his representatives to them to resolve their differences, but the tenants treat the representatives shamefully. They even wind up killing the landowner's son.

Jesus closed off this parable with a question: "Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" The pharisees answered, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at harvest time."

Both of these stories speak of the great disappointment of the owner of a vineyard. It is apparent that in each story, the vineyard owner represents God.

In both stories, we read of God's hesitant resolution about the vineyard. In one case, He allows it to self-destruct; in the other, He takes it away.

In both cases, He has to act contrary to His original plan. God takes no pleasure in what happens to these vineyards.

It should not be too difficult to recognize that in both stories, people in general are connected to the vineyards. We are created by God. He made us for a purpose. God created us, and put us on this earth, with a plan for each of us.

His plans for us vary, but they are all alike in His goal for us that each of us should develop spiritually in this world, in preparation for an eternal life in heaven.

God wants us to flourish in his vineyard. Those who flounder, and die apart from God, cause God great anguish. Because of this, God warns us in these passages from Isaiah and Matthew's Gospel that day of accountability looms for us all.

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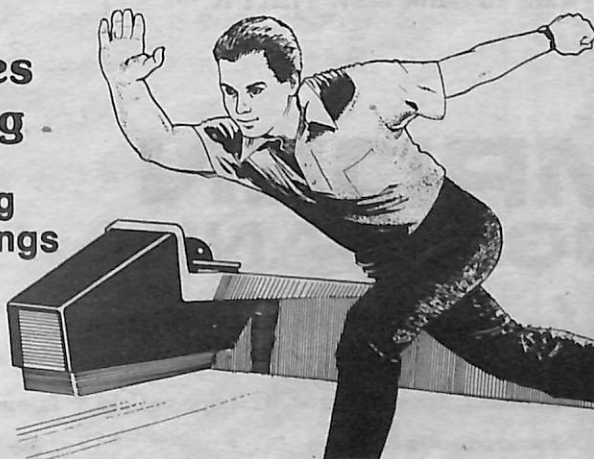
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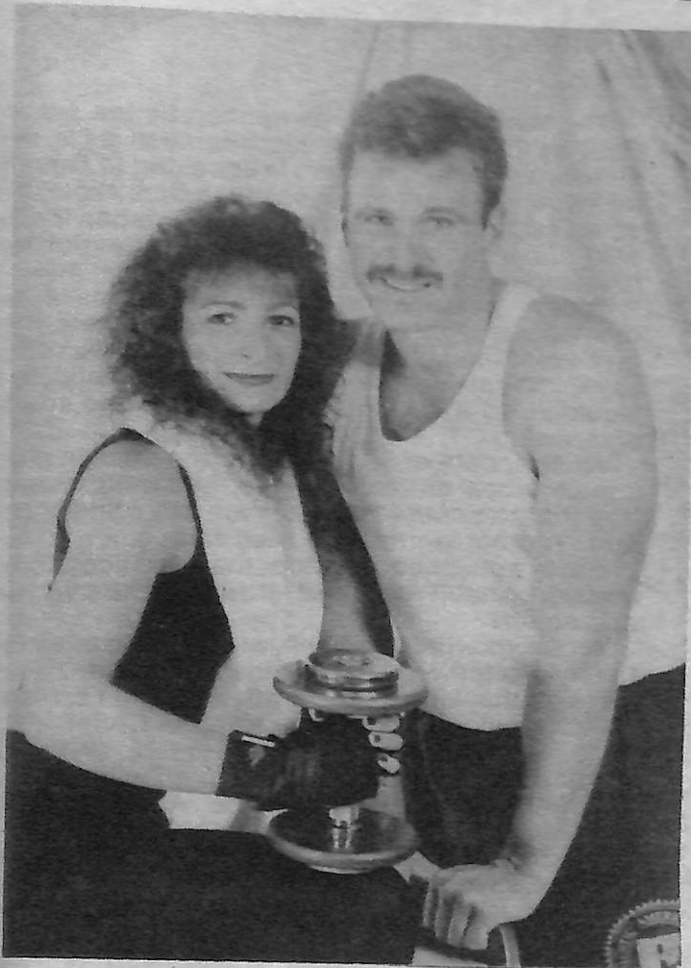
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2:45 - 3:45 - Junior High on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays for 8 weeks beginning Monday, October 21st.

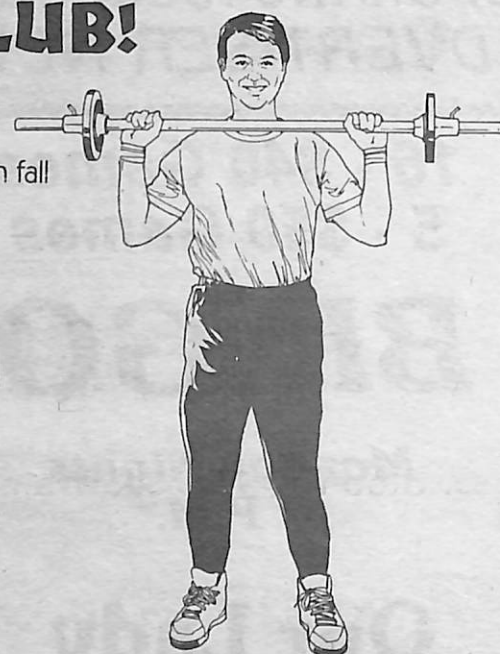
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Church News - continued...**News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

This week's worship service will feature a dramatic, modern-day parable presentation entitled "This Is The House That God Built." Performers will include Sunday School participants of all ages, youth and adult.

Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Christian Ed Board is sponsoring a trip to the Harvest Festival at Overlook Farm on Saturday, October 5th. The farm is located in Rutland, MA, and is the N.E. Regional Office for the Heifer Project International.

Everyone is welcome for hay rides, pumpkin picking, crafts, games, and activities. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and plan to return around 5:00 p.m. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

Gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering help make sure that God's love reaches people on the margins of society. This includes even those in prison.

A program using trained volunteers helps to improve self-esteem by developing effective communication skills for those serving jail time. This church will take a collection for Neighbors in Need on Sunday, October 6th, during morning worship at 10:00 a.m.

Also on October 6th, please plan to remain a few moments after worship to assist in an Offering of Letters. Bread for the World is an organization which supports ending hunger for children worldwide.

Paper and suggested form letters will be supplied for members of this congregation to write letters encouraging their Representatives in Congress to support this effort. Please bring your own postage if you can.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, October 6th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship - NIN Collection; 11:00 a.m., Offering of Letters; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Monday, October 7th: 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, October 8th: Informer deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, October 9th: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 10th: 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Friday, October 11th: 7:00 p.m., LBS.

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**Weekly Message From Ag. United Methodist
Remembering Childhood Stories**

**by Rev. Reuben Telemaque
Pastor**

Among the several memories that linger with most individuals even into adulthood, are those of stories told to them as children.

Such stories whether humorous, fictitious, or factual and informative, are often passed on from one generation to the other. They usually contain some constant which may be moral, ethical, or spiritual in value, that has kept the human family afloat and propelled it forward on the sea of doubt, failure, and frustration to the shore of success or joy or hope and accomplishment.

It is easy to find such stories in the bible, or to read or hear them told at Sunday School or used as illustrations in Sermons. We become familiar with stories such as David and the giant Goliath who was slain by the boy's sling; or of Joshua marching around the walls of Jericho until those walls came tumbling down.

These stories tell of the value of persistent faith, or of the need to always keep alive one's hope or goal while he or she works steadily towards that goal.

Such stories can also be heard in secular life as well. As a boy, I was inspired by the story of a leader named Robert Bruce. He led the Scottish army in the fight against the British.

Robert lost the battle. He made his escape to a cave where he hid himself. While in the cave, he observed a spider trying to spin its web across the doorway of the cave. The spider tried several times but failed repeatedly. It did so six times, but never gave up.

On the seventh time, the spider was successful. Robert Bruce, as a good and observant soldier, had learnt his lesson once and for all. **HE LEARNED NEVER TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT AS YOU PURSUE A WORTHY CAUSE.** If at first you don't succeed, try and try again.

The same principle was applied by the apostle Paul as he went about his business as a missionary and as a Christian. In speaking to Timothy as a younger man, who was much less experienced in facing the difficulties of the Christian life, he said, "I have fought the good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

Today, persons in various walks have set themselves worthy goals, but unfortunately, they give up at the point of discouragement. Someone says, "What you are doing is too difficult. I wouldn't do it." At this point, all zeal and energy disappears.

What people need to keep on the chosen good course when difficulties arise, is a solid conviction that the course that they are following is correct. In other words, they need faith.

Have you tried to stop the practice of an undesired habit and failed? If so, will you try again and again?

And if you find it difficult, will you also examine the basis for your own philosophy of life? Paul said not that I have already attained, but I pressed on to the mark of the high calling in Christ.

Agawam United Methodist Church is located at 459 Mill Street (opposite the Agawam High School). Our time of worship is 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, October 6th, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. All who love the Lord Jesus Christ are invited. The choir turns out in full.

Our thanks go to all those who worked alongside or with our people during the 1996 Big E fair.

Bring along your children. Nursery care is provided.

**"Pumpkin Fair" At Mittineague Church
To Be Sponsored By "Daughters Of Nile"**

The Daughters of the Nile will hold its annual "Pumpkin Fair" on October 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Mittineague Congregational Church, 1840 Westfield Street (Rt. 20), West Springfield.

The day-long event will feature tables of fancy

work, country kitchen items, toys and games, holiday decorations, attic treasures, pick-your-own cookies and candy, jewelry, and much more.

Lunch will be served; come share in the fun. Proceeds from the fair will benefit the patients at the Shriners Hospital For Children.

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Church News - continued...**St. John's Church
To Celebrate 50th
Anniversary Oct. 6th**

The parish celebration of the 50th anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Church will be held on Sunday, October 6, 1996 at Chez Josef. The banquet will be served at 5:00 p.m., with a social hour at 4:00 p.m.

Bishop Thomas Dupree will be there with priests and sisters who have been assigned at St. John's over the span of the 50 years.

There will be a D.J. for dancing after the dinner.

**All-Parish Tag Sale
At Good Shepherd**

The Church of the Good Shepherd on Elm Street in West Springfield will hold an All-Parish Tag Sale on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is a rain or shine event to be held in the parish hall. There will also be a Snack Bar, a Bake Sale, and a Plant Sale.

Expect to find plenty of quality items at bargain prices, including clothes, toys, household items, and much more.

**Grace Baptist Church In F.H.
To Hold BBQ On October 6th**

On Sunday, October 6th, Grace Baptist Church of Feeding Hills will be holding a "Get to know you BBQ" on the church grounds.

There is no cost for anyone attending as the BBQ is designed to help enable the church to meet residents from the community. The BBQ will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the public is invited to come and eat and chat...and meet the congregation and view the building.

The church is located on the east side of Route 187 at the Connecticut line. Please call the church office at (413) 821-0112 for details.

On Friday, October 11th, Grace Baptist Church will begin the AWANA youth program for youth beginning at age three and going through junior high.

The name AWANA, meaning "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," comes from Second Timothy 2:15, *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

The evening will run from 6:45-8:30 each Friday night throughout the school year. The church is located on the east side of Route 187 at the Connecticut line.

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**Teacher Recognition Sunday At
Agawam Congregational Church**

This Sunday, October 6th, is the 19th Sunday after Pentecost. This is World Communion Sunday. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "We Would Be Building," taken from the Text: Matthew 21:33-46. The Children's Message will be: "Would These Work?"

Next Sunday will be Teacher Recognition Sunday. The third grade class will be presented with their Bibles during the Worship Service.

Movie outing — Sunday, October 6th, at 6:45 p.m.

Meet at the church to travel down to the Village Cinema in Suffield, CT, to view "The Spitfire Grill."

The Youth Groups continue to meet and have their activities. Are you interested? We have four Youth Groups for all ages.

3*2*1*KONTACT for Kindergarten through third grade under the advisement of Laura Paul and Lisa Ruddock; 456 Club for fourth through sixth grade, led by Charlene Trombley; Jr. High for seventh and eighth graders with advisors Diane Jerserski and Andy Pedersen; Sr. High for all high school students under the direction of Diane and Stu Kibbe.

The 3*2*1*KONTACT will meet mostly the third Wednesday of the month. The 456 Club and Jr. High Youth Group meet every Friday night, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Sr. High will meet the first Sunday of

the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Any questions? Call the church office, 786-7111.

The Playgroups are in full swing. The groups meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.; newborns to kindergarten age are welcome to attend.

For more information concerning this group, contact the church office, 786-7111.

Country Line Dancing will begin on Friday, October 11th. Kick up your heels from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.!

The six-week program is beginner friendly. Keep Friday nights open to join "Millie and the Gang."

Cost is \$25 pre-paid for six weeks, or \$5 each week at the door.

A chicken & biscuit dinner will be held on Saturday, October 19th, serving continuously from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children.

Mark your calendars today! For reservations, call the church office, 786-7111.

Crop Walk — Sunday, October 20th. Step-off time is at 2:00 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church. Join us in this most worthy cause.

Sign up today to walk or to sponsor a walker. Call Maryellen Sullivan (church coordinator of the Crop Walk) at 786-2623, or the church office, 786-7111, for more information.

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Spotlight On Business



RETIRED WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK Agawam branch manager Joan Brouillette is pictured with her husband, Raymond, at her surprise retirement party at The Delaney House in Holyoke on September 24th. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Joan is pictured with vocalist Vincent Govoni at her open house at the Main Street branch on September 26th.



Magovern Presenting Business Breakfast With Gloria Larson

Former Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Affairs Gloria Larson will be the featured speaker at the first Greater Agawam Business and Technology Breakfast on Thursday, October 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at The Oaks in Agawam. Senator Brian Lees will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Ms. Larson will discuss the State of the State in terms of Macro Economic Development and focus on the Industrial, Technological, and Western Massachusetts Regional Sector Trends in conjunction with the Human Infrastructure necessary to support continued economic growth, technology, and development.

Prior to serving as Secretary of Economic Affairs under Governor William Weld, Larson served as Secretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. Additionally, she served as Deputy Director of Consumer Protection for the Federal Trade Commission.

Ms. Larson currently practices law in Boston and is active in state economic development as an appointed board member of the Governor's Council on Growth and Technology.

The Business and Technology Breakfast is being presented by Robert A. Magovern, Candidate for State Representative serving Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Blandford, Russell, and Tolland.

Magovern said, "I am proud to have the opportunity to bring this exciting and informative presentation to the community. I urge everyone interested in learning more about the future of our state, and Western Massachusetts in particular, to attend this event."

Tickets for the breakfast are \$25, and reservations may be made by calling 789-0171.



"THE SINGING SUMMIT SISTERS" delighted customers at an open house for retiring Westfield Savings Bank Agawam branch manager Joan Brouillette. The "Sisters" are actually bank employees, from left - Melissa Blascak, Donna Ruccio, Sheryl Fleming, Mary-Beth Sherbo, and Donna Kennedy.

Joan Brouillette Honored For Years Of Service At Westfield Savings Bank

A surprise retirement party for Joan E. Brouillette, long-time manager of the Agawam branch of Westfield Savings Bank, was held Tuesday, September 24th, at the Delaney House in Holyoke.

Many Westfield Savings Bank employees and family members of Mrs. Brouillette's attended. Entertainment was provided by the Ambiance Wind Quintet, and a song was written and performed by the fabulous "Singing Summit Sisters," just for Mrs. Brouillette, set to the tune "My Girl."

Hundreds of the bank's customers had the opportunity to wish Mrs. Brouillette well at an open house at the Agawam branch on Main Street on Thursday, September 26th. Cake, pastry, and coffee were served to all. The entertainment late in the afternoon was provided by Libby Campa on the keyboard. Some of the bank's customers even

sang and danced.

Mrs. Brouillette's last day as branch manager was on Friday, September 27th.

Mrs. Brouillette began with Westfield Savings in October 1969 in the School Savings Program. She transferred to the Real Estate Department and later became a supervisor. She was promoted to assistant manager of the West Springfield branch in 1986 and was then promoted to manager of the Agawam branch in 1987.

She attended the American Institute of Banking as well as various management programs and seminars. She was chairwoman of Bankers' Educational Forum and director of Bankers' Professional Network.

She was on the board of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Agawam Rotary Club.

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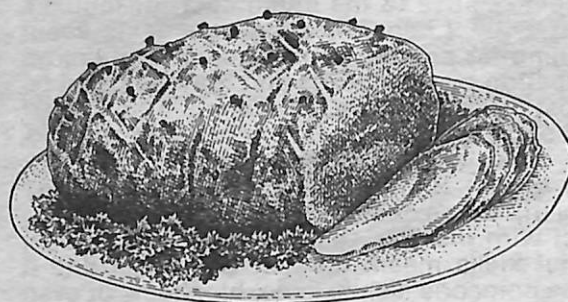
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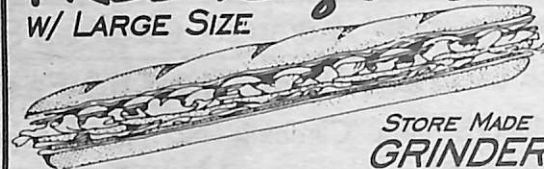
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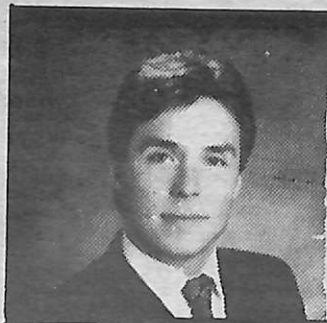
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A recent column of mine covered chiropractic treatment relative to the rough sport of football. Subsequently, I began hearing comments about equal time for another sport. A sport that enjoys participation by both sexes and may very well be the most played sport in Agawam.

That sport is SOCCER. But, how tough can soccer be, especially when compared to football?

Very tough! Bodies hurtle through the air as players trip over extended legs, all hoping to make contact with the ball. Oh, that elusive little ball. Powerful kicks meant for that ball often find a mark on someone's shin, knee, hip, back, or even their head! Yes.

And the lucky goalie, who gets to pick up the ball with his/her hands? Well, not all players are polite enough to stop kicking even though the goalie has possession of the ball. Ouch! Does anyone have a helmet with a face mask?

But wait! Not the girls! They can't be that rough, can they? Oh yeah? Go watch a girl's soccer match at any age level and you will change your mind. Ask any veteran player on the high school varsity team, and you'll be told of numerous broken bones, torn ligaments, multiple concussions, sprains, strains, and collisions the players have experienced.

As chiropractic physicians, our interest in this sport goes beyond the competition when there is an injury, or the possibility that one has occurred.

When the body is struck or badly jarred, bones of the spine and pelvis can be misplaced. If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and result in a variety of problems including neck or back pain, arm/leg pain or numbness, headache, and abnormal nerve function.

It may result in spinal curvature which can be detected with x-ray. No soccer injury should be forgotten until after a chiropractic examination.

Soccer is certainly a growing sport that should be enjoyed to the fullest by those playing this game. Has a past injury resulted in a problem that should be investigated?

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Carrying Extra Weight

Recently, I attended the Big E with my four year-old, Jack. Towards the end of the day, Jack got tired, so I carried him for a while. Jack weighs approximately 40 pounds.

Carrying that extra weight produced an incredible amount of pressure in the low back. I experienced low back and leg pain as a result. Every extra pound increased the amount of stress on the weight-bearing joints: the feet, knees, hips, and low back.

If you're overweight, the amount of pressure on the spine and these joints can create pain. This constant weight can lead to not only spinal pro-

blems, but greatly increase heart disease, hypertension, circulatory disorders, and others.

Obesity is not confined to adults, but is increasing in children. Doctors at Johns Hopkins University studying over 1,000 men note that those overweight as young adults will increase their risk for knee and hip arthritis by as much as three times later in life.

The study, published by the Arthritis Foundation, finds that as little as 20 extra pounds will double the incidence of weight-bearing joint disorders in later years.

I felt much better after putting Jack down — I felt light again.

If you're carrying an extra 20, 30, or more pounds, try to imagine how much better you'll feel without carrying the extra weight. Think of how much better that will be for your spine and other joints.

What's the secret? It's not as easy as just putting down a tired, heavy child. It's daily discipline: eating right and exercising.

So eat right and exercise to maintain optimum health for the future.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Fitness First Holding Blood Drive With Red Cross On Friday, Oct. 4th

The American Red Cross, Blood Services will be holding a blood drive to help maintain an adequate supply of blood. The blood drive will be held on Friday, October 4th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Fitness First, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

All are invited to participate. Those people who have never donated blood before are encouraged to try.

Giving blood is easy and completely safe. It only takes a few minutes to donate; and the com-

plete process from registration to relaxing at the canteen is usually about one hour. Each unit of blood collected by the American Red Cross gets broken down into three components; platelets, plasma, and red cells, and can be transfused to three different hospital patients.

One hour of time and one unit of blood can save the lives of three people.

To make an appointment to donate blood or if you have any questions regarding donating, call 737-4306. Walk-in donors are welcome.

Influenza Clinic At Ag. Senior Center Slated By Agawam Health Department

The Agawam Health Department has scheduled an influenza clinic at the Agawam Senior Center on Wright Street for Wednesday, October 16, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Influenza vaccine will be administered free of charge to persons 65 years of age and over or if you have chronic conditions such as heart disease, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic

kidney disease, or diabetes.

There will also be a clinic at the Danahy Schoolhouse on Maple Street on Tuesday, October 22nd, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and at Pheasant Hill Village on Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, November 12, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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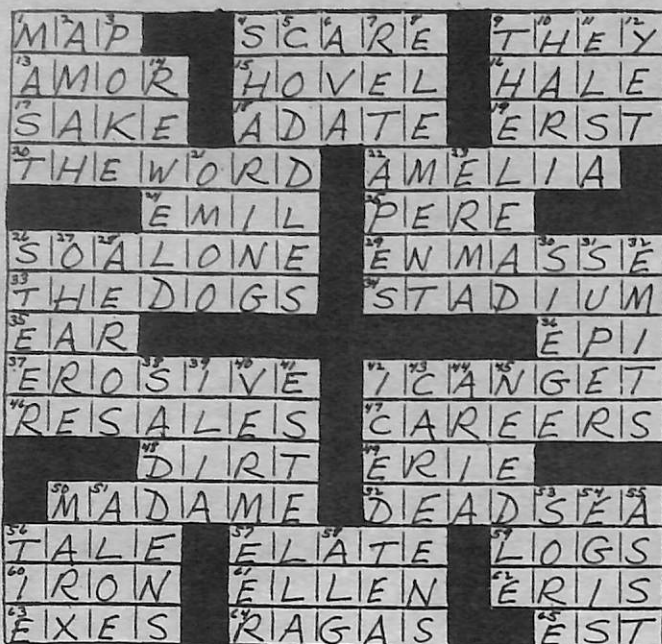
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- 56 Stresses
- 59 "Dies —"
- 60 Pea containers
- 61 Open to view
- 62 Fiddle-playing Roman
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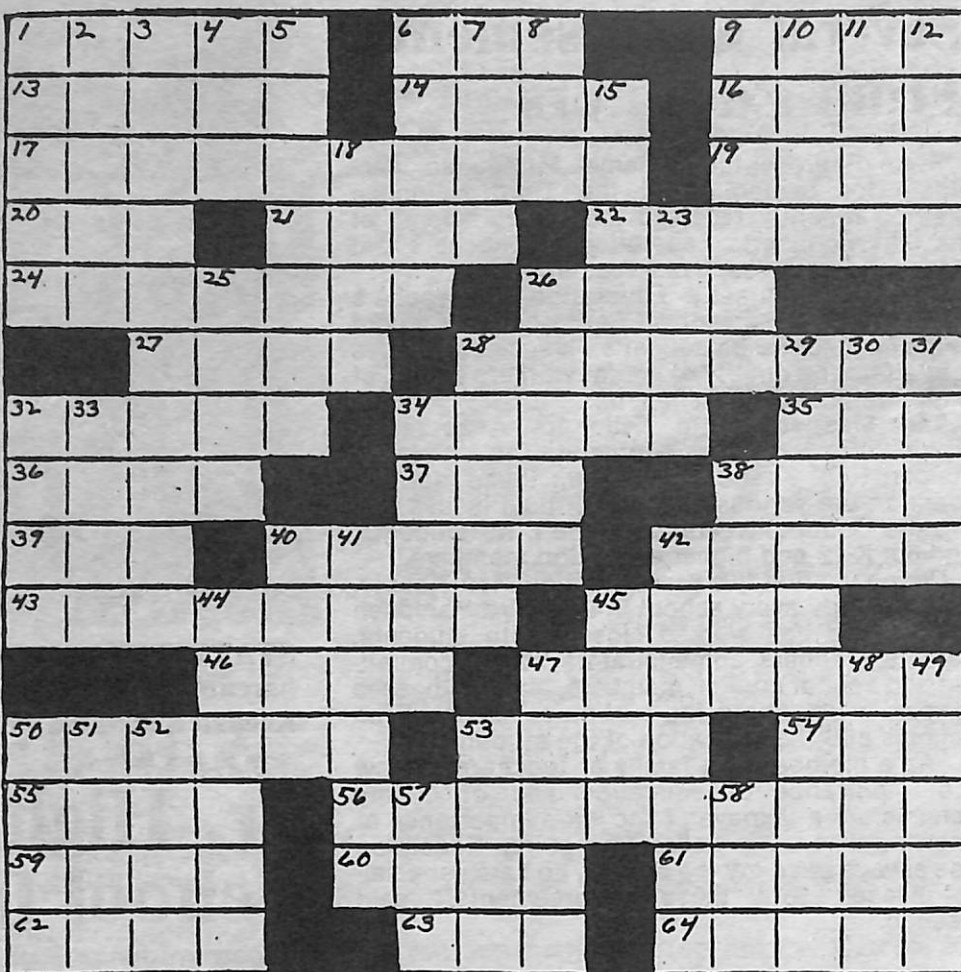
Last Week's Solution...



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- 1 Type of fire
- 2 "— hand" (helped)
- 3 Tackles a job
- 4 Observe
- 5 "Red" fish
- 6 Argot
- 7 Dillon or Helm
- 8 "— no hooks"
- 9 Hit the road
- 10 Leave out
- 11 Goddess of victory
- 12 Luge
- 15 Burning bullet
- 18 Left
- 23 Actor Reynolds
- 25 Maine's tree
- 26 Russians to a G.I.
- 28 Signs
- 29 Preparatory work on a canvass
- 30 Virginia dance
- 31 State (Fr.)
- 32 Stele
- 33 O'Hara's abode
- 34 Sparse
- 38 Hebrew measure
- 40 Short-billed wader
- 41 "— the slack"
- 42 Small onion
- 44 Sound system
- 45 Arctic trout
- 47 Noble emblem
- 48 Turn inside out
- 49 Naps
- 50 What the dervish did
- 51 Radial
- 52 Bring up
- 53 Gambler's edge
- 57 Numbers (abbr.)
- 58 "— got a secret"

MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni



Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.

"Decidedly Deadly" To Open On Oct. 10th By Hilltop Players Of Feeding Hills

There is murder most foul being played out at the Red Door Theatre, and the audience is invited to play the role of detective in solving the mystery of who did away with Ms. Dunaway. Warning — the evening is "Decidedly Deadly!"

Upon entering the theatre at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA, the audience will be seated at cabaret tables set up with a detective kit complete with a suspect ballot; motive, evidence, and opportunity worksheets; secret clues; and even an oath of secrecy not to reveal the ending of this audience-participatory, murder/mystery comedy.

The Hilltop Players will present this original whodunit written by George Chartier, Eugene Biggio, and Lyle Pearsons on October 10th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 13th, at 2:00 p.m.

Pearsons of Suffield, CT, is co-producer/director along with Margie Secora of Southwick, MA. Pearsons wrote the script with Biggio and Chartier nine years ago while vacationing in New Hampshire.

Biggio, who was director of Kent Memorial Library at the time, died the following year, but not before his creation was brought to life by the Suffield Players. Chartier was publicity manager

for the troupe and worked in public relations for both Milton Bradley and the University of Connecticut.

The trio filled the script with the usual undue number of murders, suspects, motives, plot twists, and surprises, but they also packed it with maddening puns, campy melodrama, and comedic spoofs of the detective genre.

The "gum on the shoe," however, is that the audience is given the opportunity to solve the crime by participating in the production.

During the two intermissions, they will do a little amateur sleuthing by circulating among the other tables, trading information, gathering secret clues, surveying the evidence and crime scene, and most importantly, questioning the suspects.

The actors remain in character in the theatre for the interrogation to assist the audience in narrowing down their selection of who, what, where, when, and how the murder(s) was/were committed.

Before the conclusion of the play, the audience will fill out a ballot and submit their deduction, after which a name will be selected from the correct answers to win a special prize at each show.

The cast to be questioned is comprised of veterans as well as some newcomers to the Red Door. Marilene Allen of Agawam and Erin Biddle of Westfield make their debut with the Players, while the father and son team of Al and Jessie Randzio of Southwick, Shelly Haber of Westfield, and Scott Belisle of Agawam make return engagements.

Across the border from Connecticut come seasoned players Rick Anderson and Jason Michaud (last seen in the Hilltop Players' production of "Scrooge") and Dorrie Mitchell of West Hartford and Ed Gogulski of Suffield (who were both involved in the premiere production of "Decidedly Deadly").

Rounding out the Players' cast and crew are Dee Gee and Tiffany Blackman of Agawam, Darcy Banks of Granby, and Morgan Allen of Agawam.

Which one is the murderer? Don your sleuthing caps, pack a non-alcoholic drink and a snack, and call for tickets to an evening of murder, mayhem, and mirth.

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Education

Keenan Receives Several Endorsements From Educators

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, candidate for re-election in the Third Hampden District, recently received the endorsements of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers and Massachusetts Teachers Association.

The Massachusetts Federation of Teachers based its endorsement on Rep. Keenan's record in the Legislature on education issues and issues that affect the quality of life for workers and all of the citizens of Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association stated, "We very much appreciate the legislative support Rep. Keenan has shown these last two years on the various and very critical issues facing the Commonwealth's children, its students, and our K-12 and higher education members."

During his first two years in office, Rep. Keenan visited nearly every school in the Third Hampden District. He has worked closely with students, parents, teachers, administrators, school committee and school council members, and businesses to learn more about the particular needs of the schools and the education of the students.

"As a member of a family of teachers, I know the importance of education and of quality schools. As a taxpayer, I know the importance of knowing where my dollars are going. Education has always been my top priority, so I am especially pleased with these endorsements," said Keenan.

Theatre Camps Still Have Openings For Fall Workshops

STAGE announces that there are still a few openings left for their Saturday morning and afternoon drama classes for four through seven year-olds. The workshops are part of a five-week session involving music, dance, puppetry, shadow play, and acting designed to introduce the very young child to dramatic performance.

The workshops are held at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, and are conducted by STAGE directors and Kit and Kaboodle entertainers Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora. Sessions are from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on October 12th, 19th, 26th, November 2nd, and 9th.

The fee is \$50 and information on registration may be had by calling (413) 789-2026.

There are also only a few slots left for the "Pinocchio" after-school drama camp which starts October 8th and runs Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Show dates are November 15th, 16th, and 17th. Call 789-2026 for a registration form.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL F. KEENAN has worked closely with students, parents, teachers, and administrators according to the Mass. Federation of Teachers. Above, Keenan is pictured with a class at James Clark School where he was reading aloud. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. High Begins Collection Of School Investment Points

Agawam Junior High School once again has begun collecting School Investment Points from Bank of Boston to obtain FREE educational equipment such as Magnavox audio/visual equipment, Apple computers, Britannica encyclopedias, and other high-tech tools. Through its unique program, Bank of Boston has already awarded several million dollars worth of classroom teaching tools to participating schools.

Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi states that the Bank of Boston program provides schools with the opportunity to acquire a wide variety of learning tools that they may not otherwise have for their classrooms.

He explains that the junior high is collecting School Investment Points from individuals who simply stop into any Bank of Boston branch office

and ask to register. It is not necessary to open an account. However, more points are awarded if a bank transaction occurs. These points are then redeemed for awards that schools need most.

Mr. Costanzi reports that last year, the Junior High School was able to obtain two 27-inch Magnavox color televisions, as well as two Magnavox video cassette recorders with School Investment Points donated by faculty members and other school supporters.

Mr. Costanzi hopes that students, parents, and other community members will help support this program by donating their School Investment Points to the Junior High School in person or through a student or P.T.O. member.

Points will be issued between October 1, 1996 through April 30, 1997. For further information, please contact Mr. Costanzi at 789-1400, ext. 481.

Agawam High Marching Mohawks Heading For Disney In Spring

The School Committee has unanimously approved the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks' spring trip to Disney World. Band members and their parents will be participating in many fundraising events throughout the school year to earn the money to go to Florida.

They are currently selling entertainment books and candy bars. Band members will be selling candy in front of Food Mart on Thursday afternoons and evenings through November 7th.

Please buy a candy bar to help send the band to perform at Walt Disney World.

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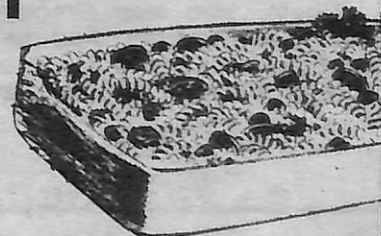
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Smoking

I want to share with you excerpts of an article I read in the *NEA TODAY*, a newspaper for members of the National Education Association. Bill Novelli, the president of the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, a privately funded coalition that aims to reduce tobacco use among children, related some interesting points.

In 1991, 27.5 percent of high school kids said they smoked in the month before being asked. In 1995, that number went up to 34.8 percent! Why? Perhaps because of increased marketing by the tobacco industry and heavier advertising, with advertising directed toward the youth, kids are being inticed into smoking.

Some feel more kids are indulging because there is a continued breakdown in family life. Parental authority is not as strong as it used to be. Unfortunately, it is easy for kids to buy cigarettes. Many places sell them without demanding proof of age.

In Grisham's new book, *The Runaway Jury*, the story revolves around the power of the tobacco industry. The industry spends over \$6 billion a year in marketing! Much of the advertising directly targets the under-18 age group with pictures and words clearly enticing the youth of today.

Currently, there is a proposed Food and Drug Administration regulation on tobacco as a drug. This proposal would reduce the ability of the tobacco industry to reach the kids through displays, free merchandise, etc. A new FDA regulation would also enforce proof of age requirements and eliminate vending machines, which would hamper the purchasing ability of young people.

Amazingly, 85-90 percent of smokers start smoking before the age of 18 and quickly become addicted to a habit which is injurious to their health. It has been stated that smoking is the hardest addiction to break.

So, what are we at Agawam High School trying to do about the situation? Since many students try to smoke when they go to the restrooms, the administration has assigned teachers and counselors bathroom duty. The monitors sit outside of the bathrooms and act as a deterrent to those who would like to light up! Moreover, there is no smoking allowed on school grounds. If an offender is found, he/she is given internal suspension.

Mr. Dougherty, the coordinator of our substance abuse and prevention program, is taking seminars to enable him to integrate nicotine education, assessment, and treatment into substance abuse treatment programs. He is reevaluating techniques to find a good working model to implement into the curriculum.

Community Officer Dan Gallerani is working diligently and effectively to build up a nice rapport between himself and our students. He and Mr. Dougherty will be attending a DARE education workshop in November and then bring back the necessary information to implement an effective DARE program here at the High School.

Our principal, Joseph Zabielski, is meeting with Senator Melconian to see what kinds of deterrents can be meted out to make the current statutes enforceable. It is one thing to have rules and regulations; it is another thing to be able to have the clout to make them stick!

Mr. Lynch, our school psychologist, is available to help any youngster who wishes to stop smoking.

The doors are always open in the Guidance Department to help anyone who seeks us out.

We, as parents and educators, can ask state legislators and members of Congress who take money from the tobacco industry to stop; in so doing, they will be depleting the tobacco industry's power. Parents, too, can try to kick the habit of smoking. Remember, our children learn by example. Let's all work together to fight teen smoking.

The following is an important reminder for 17 and 18 year-old men. Federal law requires that you register with Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday. When you register, you stay eligible for federal student loans, federal job training, and federal jobs.

Registering is easy. Fill out the card you get in the mail, put a stamp on it, and stick it in the mailbox, or go to a nearby post office and fill out the form there.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 7th: Sacred Heart University, 10:15; University of Rhode Island, 1:15.

Scholarships: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

R.C. Easley Scholarships: Applicant must be a U.S. citizen who is a graduating high school senior and who anticipates being accepted into an accredited four-year college. These awards bestow recognition on those high school seniors who have achieved outstanding accomplishments and who contribute to the betterment of humanity. Deadline: February 1, 1997.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to students who plan to attend these schools:

Northwestern University Prudential Spirit of Community Journalism Awards
Franklin and Marshall Merit Scholarships
Skidmore College Filene Music Scholarships
Vanderbilt University Ingram Scholarship Program

Open Houses: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

"Portfolio Day" will be held at Greenfield Community College on October 16th, from 9:00 to 1:00. Ten area art schools will be present to discuss their programs and provide students with information on the schools and the application process.

"Student of Color College Fair" will be held Friday, November 22nd from 10:00 to 3:00 at the Springfield Marriott Hotel.

UMass College of Engineering Open House - October 5th, 12:15-3:15

Skidmore College Open House - October 14th and November 11th

Fashion Institute of Technology - October 26th, 9:30 a.m.

Wellesley College - October 24th-25th
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Regis College - October 26th
SUNY Morrisville - November 9th and 23rd
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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 7th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, October 8th: Chicken with rice soup, cold cut & cheese sandwich in roll with mustard or mayonnaise, oven potato sticks with catsup, white cake with chocolate sauce topping, milk.

Wednesday, October 9th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread & butter, fresh seedless grapes or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, October 10th: Scrambled hamburger with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Friday, October 11th: Sliced turkey sandwich in roll with mayonnaise, tossed garden salad with dressing, oven French fries with catsup, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Sgt. Barbara Lisius Graduates From Southern Illinois U.

Staff Sergeant Barbara A. (Moreau) Lisius recently graduated Cum Laude from the College of Engineering at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. She was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology.

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Moreau of 1245 N. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is married to Technical Sergeant Andrew G. Lisius, who has recently been selected for promotion to Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force.

The couple is currently stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, working in Air Traffic Control.

Westfield Voke Has Adult Programs Beginning Oct. 15th

The Westfield Vocational Technical High School Evening Adult Education programs will begin on October 15 and October 17, 1996.

Classes will be held for Assertiveness Training; Aerobics; Basketry; Beginning Computer; Bridge; Calligraphy; Computer Servicing; Drawing; Electrical Wiring For the Homeowner; Employment Law; English As A Second Language; Floral Design; HVAC and Small Appliance Repair; Legal Issues; Photography; Quilting; Russian and Spanish Language; Sewing; Sign Language; Woodcarving; Woodworking For Women and Intermediate Woodworking; Word Processing; Culinary Delights; and Creating a Gingerbread House.

Courses will vary in length and cost. Program profiles are available at the WVTHS, 33 Smith Avenue, Westfield, the Mayor's office, and the Westfield Library.

For further information, please call 572-6454.

Entertainment Books Being Sold At AHS

The Agawam High School Music Department is selling the 1997 *Entertainment Books* starting September 23rd. This new and improved book replaces the old Dine Out and Treat Out books and contains many more Western Massachusetts restaurants and businesses.

The cost of each book is only \$20 and they can be purchased from any music student at the High School. These books contain coupons for fine dining, fast food, movies, hotels, motels, resorts, skiing, symphony, theater, amusement parks, hockey tickets, and much more.

If you are interested in purchasing a book (they make great Christmas presents!), please contact the High School Music Department, Tammy Watson at 789-4488, or Steve Files at 789-1400, ext. 410.

High School Principal "Shocked" About Early Release Of Report

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski was stunned to find a report he prepared for the School Committee on heterogeneous grouping in the hands of one of the most vocal critics of the School Department at last week's School Committee meeting.

Zabielski said he was unsettled that someone could obtain the report and attack its credibility before he had a chance to discuss the document with the committee. "I feel a trust has been broken," Zabielski said.

During the portion of the meeting set aside for citizens to air their concerns, resident Frank Lawlor criticized the School Department's handling of the concerns raised by parents over the

issue of heterogeneous grouping.

Referring to the report written by Zabielski and Junior High School Principal Kevin Littlefield, Lawlor questioned statements referring to a lack of parental complaints received by the two administrators.

Lawlor asked what was meant by "registered" complaints, but was not present when both principals said they meant that few parents or students involved in the heterogeneously grouped classes had complained to them.

Littlefield said he had received a few complaints that the work was too difficult in a heterogeneously grouped social studies class.

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Sports

AHS Girls' Soccer... Brownie Girls Can't Cage Falcons In Disappointing 3-2 Loss

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Sometimes, it's the little things that make a big difference. On Monday, the Agawam High girls' soccer team hosted Minnechaug Regional. The Falcons won 3-2. With even a bit of luck, the Brownies would have come out on top.

The locals, now 3-4, were coming off a tough 2-1 setback to West Springfield last Friday night at Clarke Field.

Both teams started out on the beautiful fall afternoon with a lot of enthusiasm at Harmon Smith Field. Agawam had a great chance at the 37:10 mark, but the shot (out of a crowd in front of the Minnechaug net) hit the crossbar. A few seconds later, the Brownies, no more than five feet out, saw a header just go wide of the goalmouth.

Two runs of bad AHS luck were matched by another one at 35:39. Minnechaug's Allison Hsiao was on the move in the Agawam zone. She cut to the middle of the field and took a pass. She had a clear shooting lane from 20 feet out and put it by Brownie keeper Melissa Troie for the first of her two goals. It also gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

Less than three minutes later, Agawam answered with a score of its own. Junior Aimee Loudfoot dribbled the ball past two Falcon defenders, took a shot on the Minnechaug net, and drilled it home. It was tied at one.

Lady Luck would not smile on the Brownies for most of the first half. They swarmed the Falcon goal. But they were off on their shots. Minnechaug was, too, except for one at 2:50. This shot was a high, floating, seeing-eye job that sailed over the leaping Melissa Troie.

As Coach Mary Murray would say, "Sometimes you can't get a break." The half ended, 2-1, Minnechaug.

Agawam, which had won three straight before the loss to West Side, came out loaded for bear in the second half. Minnechaug, however, fell back on defense to protect its lead and later scored the third goal. Despite determined efforts by the Brownie offense, there was no payoff. Even though Agawam would score one more time on a classic Kristen Patterson boot from 30 feet out front, the Falcons gutted it out.

According to the Falcon fans on hand, Agawam was its toughest test to date. A win over the Brownies would be a big plus for their program. With more than a little luck, they got the big plus.

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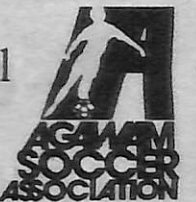


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Brownies Use Chicopee To Get Back On Track

by Dave Rollins
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Chicopee isn't hard to find. Neither is Szot Park. But try to find another field in that town.

If you come from around there, Brooks Field probably is a local landmark. But if you are not a local yokel, there aren't many clues.

Even the Agawam High boys' varsity soccer team (4-2-3) arrived late for its date on Tuesday vs. Chicopee High. "We had no idea where the field was," said Coach Dwight Northrup.

Brownies Arrived & Conquered

But the Brownies did arrive and conquer, coming up with a 3-0 decision. The town boys were coming off a tough-to-swallow, 3-2 loss to archrival West Springfield a few days before and needed this one to get back on track.

It all started defensively. For the first half, both teams laid in the weeds. Both teams were waiting. Neither got much going. The first 40 minutes ended scoreless.

But the second half was all AHS. "It was Chris Bitzas and company that won it for us," Northrup said afterwards. Bitzas is the talented Brownie sweeper who can control the flow of things when the locals are going good.

Another player receiving Northrup's praise was senior midfielder Jason Jean. "He had a career game," said Northrup.

It all started for Agawam when promising sophomore Dave Thomas scored at the 15:00 mark. Todd Jorgensen recorded the assist. "We knew we'd win from that point on," assessed Northrup of the situation. "We were playing blue collar soccer. It was the type of game Jason (Jean) loves to play."

Jean is all hustle. He had the second goal. It was from the text. Everything worked. Things started when goalie Brian O'Quinn made a one-hop save. He then heaved a muscle-pass to Jean. "I just loved what happened on this goal," said Northrup. "O'Quinn can pass it further than most guys can kick it."

Jean took the pass on the left side and beat the first wave of Chicopee defenders before seeking help. Bitzas was on the right flank. Jean went to Bitzas. The defense moved to the ball. Jean was on the run and received the return pass. Everyone just watched and knew what was next.

Goalie Had No Chance

Jean split two defenders and blew in on goal. He launched a shot from 25 feet or so and it found the upper left corner. The Pacers' goalie never had a chance.

Jean figured in on the last AHS goal as well. He sent a ball through the goal area to Jorgensen, who used his noggin and sent a shot on goal but not in. The rebound popped out. Striker Steve Rovithis was on it like a cat on a rat. Three Chicopee defenders were there. Rovithis nailed it with four minutes left in the game and it was over.

"Right now, we're beating the teams we have to beat. I feel with the athletes we have, we can go deep into the playoffs," said Northrup in looking ahead to next month's Western Mass. Tournament where AHS should be if things continue on track.

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AHS Football Faces Must-Win In Home Opener Vs. Minnechaug

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School football team desperately needs a win. A great opening night effort up at Northampton saw them come away with a 21-15 loss. Then they were trampled 54-20 by Chicopee High with its wishbone in a run-it-up job. A bye week let them think about things.

Here's what they need to think about. An "I" offense beat them before they choked on the 'bone. Now they are going to face the run and shoot on Friday night in the home opener at Harmon Smith Field. It's new for Minnechaug.

It's not something you face much in high school (because hardly anyone runs it). You won't see but a handful of teams run it in the college or pro ranks, either. It's going to be new for the Brownie defense.

Here's what the run and shoot is like. Imagine a riot and you are right in the middle of it. You don't know where and how you're going to be attacked. You are running on gut reaction.

Minnechaug is currently 1-2. They can score some points out of its new offense (a 14-7 win over Drury and good numbers in their 42-26 loss last weekend to West Side). Chicopee buried them, 41-6. And that's one of the points here. We take offense first.

Agawam will go on offense with its "I." Senior Jeff Blews will go from the one hole. He'll have QB Eric Melbourne at the controls. The receivers will be Phil McGeoghan and Bryan Menard.

Minnechaug has little defense to defend against these guys. "We have a lot of injuries," Minnechaug Athletic Director Ned Doyle told us. "And please, I'm not making excuses. Our outstanding nose guard, junior Rory Sullivan (6'1", 200 pounds), broke his ankle in our first game. There was no contact. The game hadn't

even started. He was running out onto the field when he heard a pop. Our All-Western Mass senior offensive and defensive tackle, Ryan Scott (6'2", 260 pounds), has a knee injury. Losing them has hurt us on both sides of the ball."

The Falcons have a defensive back who has a chance at an All-Western Mass berth — Adam Kateschek (5'10", 150 pounds). He's an interceptor and a hitter. But they'll need more than him.

Agawam is no Chicopee on offense. But they have some weapons.

The Brownies' "Weapons"...

A run and shoot is beaten on defense by superior athletes. Agawam has those. Interceptors and anticipators are the key there. The run and shoot will read the offense, then go low and high. If they go low for the throw (because that is the bread and butter of a run and shoot), senior Falcon quarterback Brent Barth (5'10", 180 pounds) will have to look at Brownie defensive tackle Darrell Malachowski (6'4", 230 pounds). He's fast enough to run down a run and shooter. He'll be in Barth's face the entire evening.

When Barth looks at the short zone, he'll see senior Bryan Menard at linebacker. Menard hurt an ankle against Chicopee. "No problem," he said the other day. And he looked fit and not very happy.

Barth will also look at Josh Maynard. He'll close in from a linebacker spot. When he decides to go deep, he'll have to read a man-to-man and zone. McGeoghan will have deep help from Jeff Blews. They play a four-three. It's the type of defense that disguises your coverage.

A win will get the Agawam High School football program back on track. Coach Dean Vecchiarelli has said this team is getting better. This will be the bellwether game.

Nolan Again Plays Well Under Fire For Brownie Girls' Field Hockey

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

While the girls' were playing soccer in the stadium, Agawam High field hockey was going on just across the way. It ended up a 0-0 tie between the hosting Brownies and Longmeadow.

If there was a bright spot in this one for the Brownies (who are struggling along at 1-4-3), it was again the play of senior goalie Andrea Nolan. She made 10 saves. She did it against last year's Western Mass finalists.

Three times she was severely tested. The first — Amy Polverini and Tiff Brinkmann worked a perfect drop pass like you would see in ice hockey. Brinkmann took the shot. Nolan blocked

it and covered the rebound. A bouncer came at her a bit later. Whoever shot it will only be known by herself and her teammates.

Nolan made a pad save that probably had the shooter muttering to herself. Remember, on a natural field, you get more bounces than a rubber check.

Her third big save came on a ball that was headed for the low right corner. She extended and swiped it away with her stick.

In the great 3-all tie with Southwick to open the season, Nolan was the difference. She was just that in this one, too.

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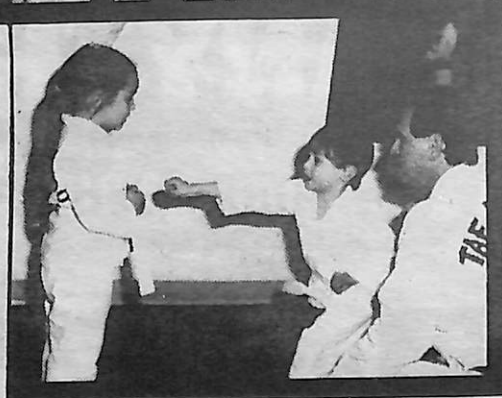
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Berkshire Power's Golf Tourney Helps AHS Athletics



TOP GOLFERS at the Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament at the Agawam Country Club to benefit the Agawam High Athletic Department included, from left - Chris Rousseau, Trever Brown, Chris Coelho, and Keith Jendza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Raymond Shugart Chairman Of Benefit Golf Tournament

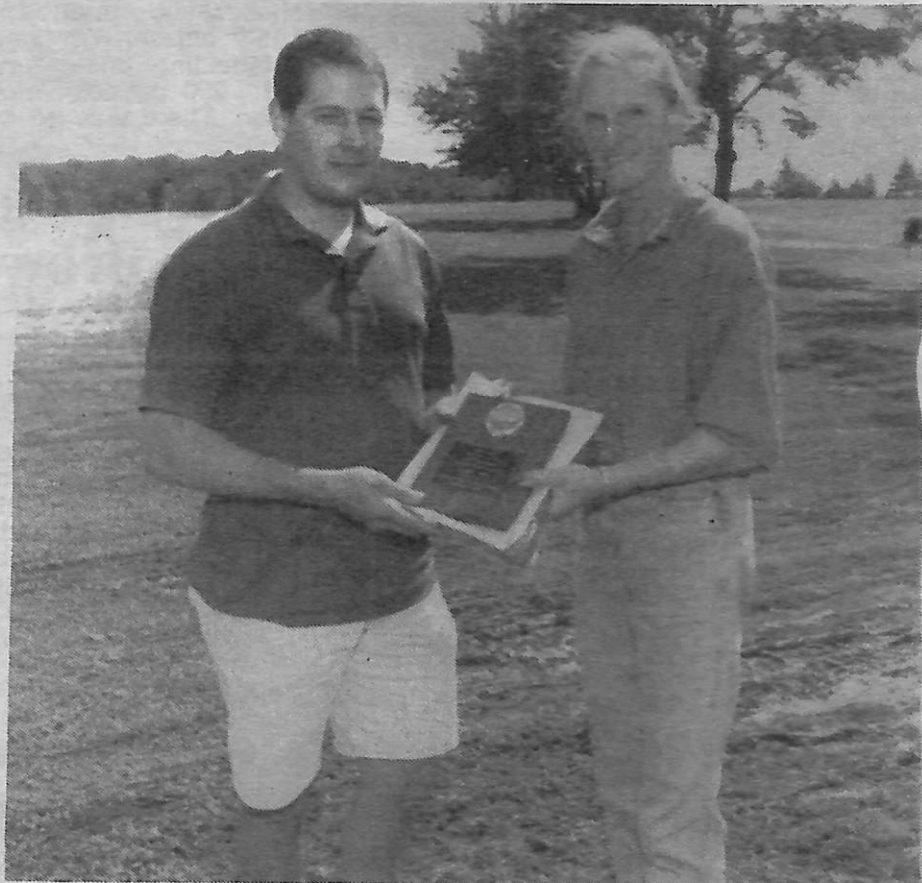
The Master Hwang's Golf Classic will be held Friday, October 18th at Elmcrest Country Club, Longmeadow. A barbecue will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., shotgun/scramble start at 11:30 a.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes, lunch, cart, and dinner. Dinner only is \$30.

Proceeds will benefit "Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western & Central Mass." Hole-in-one prizes will be presented and raffles available. Win a "1996 BUICK CENTURY" from Houser Buick.

Tee sponsorship is \$100. Hwang's School of Tae Kwan-Do is located across the street from the Agawam Police Department. Ray Shugart is a fourth degree black belt. His school caters to youth, adults, and families.

For more information on the golf classic, call Steve Cotela at Elmcrest Country Club, 525-8444, or Ray Shugart at Hwang's School of Tae Kwan-Do, 786-4158.

IN PHOTO (top right), some of the women golfers at the Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tourney -Irene Zielinski, Maureen Jochim, Mary Thomas, Jane Bilodeau, Jude Spellacy, Ann Phillips, and Andrea Nolan. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Berkshire Employee Joann McGeoghan presents Denis St. Jean with a plaque designating the "Longest Drive" of the day. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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 Ellsworth's Orange Bengals
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UNDER 12 GIRLS

Douglas' Blue Smurfs
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 Francis' Lady Bugs

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Brinn's Orange Mustangs
 Kelly's Black Bombers
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 Shaw's Red Rebels

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Agawam Defeats Ludlow In New England Soccer

A stubborn defense was the key as Agawam defeated Ludlow 3-1 in its Southern New England Soccer League opener.

Goalkeeper Radames Rivera made 11 saves as sweeperback Mike Knodler, Sr. kept the clever Ludlow forwards from taking too many shots. Mike Lyman, who scored five goals in Agawam's two pre-season games, played a lot of midfield and left the forward positions to the speedy Mike Knodler, Jr., Kevin Willard, and Brian Chechile (who accounted for all three of the goals).

Agawam's next game will be in Belchertown and hopefully the injured Dwight Northrup and George Russell will be back in action. Player-coach Walt Willard was especially grateful for the fullback play of Fred Gamben of Southwick, who filled in nicely for the injured Russell.

Westfield Riding Club To Host Poker Ride

The Westfield Riding Club is holding its first Annual Poker Ride October 13, 1996 (rain date: October 20th) starting at their facility on Fowler Road in Westfield.

Check in will be at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, a three-hour trail ride, followed by a chicken and spaghetti dinner.

Beginner through advanced riders are welcome. For more information, call Ruth at (413) 562-2181.

Coaches' Mtg. For Youth In-Town Basketball Prog.

The Agawam Recreation Department will be sponsoring the youth in-town basketball program this season. Anyone interested in coaching in-town basketball is invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, October 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

Baywest Hockey Assoc. To Hold Registration For Development Prog.

The Agawam/West Springfield Hockey Association (Baywest) will be holding registration for the 1996-1997 learn to skate/developmental hockey program.

Registration will be held on Monday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Springfield Town Hall. The program cost is \$150 per child (\$50 per additional child), and it will run for 20 weeks on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the Olympia Ice Arena in West Springfield starting on October 20th.

Please bring a check, a non-returnable copy of the participant's birth certificate, and Social Security number to the registration.

For more information, call Patrick Johnson, 786-5216.

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 Outdoor Writer

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The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will be stocking more than 700 broodstock Atlantic salmon into Massachusetts waters. These fish average around seven pounds each and will be stocked into each of the five districts statewide.

Locally, Five Mile Pond in Springfield, Lake Mattawa in Orange, Laurel Lake in Irving, along with Laurel Lake in Lee, Lake Onota in Pittsfield, Goose Pond in Lee, and Otis Reservoir will receive fish.

Each of the five districts will receive 144 of these beautiful fish.

FALL TROUT STOCKING TO BEGIN

During the week of September 29th, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will begin stocking some 52,000 Rainbow and Brown trout. According to Division bulletins, more than half of these fish exceed 15 inches in length and weigh in excess of 1½ pounds.

The fish will be stocked in more than 90 lakes, ponds, and rivers throughout the state. Holdovers from the spring stocking of over 700,000 trout, coupled with the fresh batch of fish, should keep anglers busy.

JUNIOR DUCK STAMP PROGRAM UNDERWAY

The Massachusetts Wildlife Federation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is joining with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Sporto Co., and other entities to sponsor this annual program designed to teach students of all ages about art and the importance of conserving habitat for wildlife.

Last year, nearly 750 students statewide submitted drawings and paintings to the Junior Duck Stamp competition. Over 100 prizes were awarded.

Program materials will be available in mid-October. For more information about entering or contributing to the program, write:

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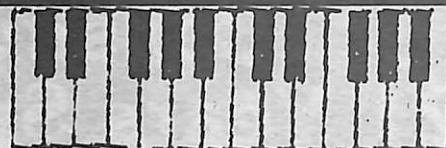
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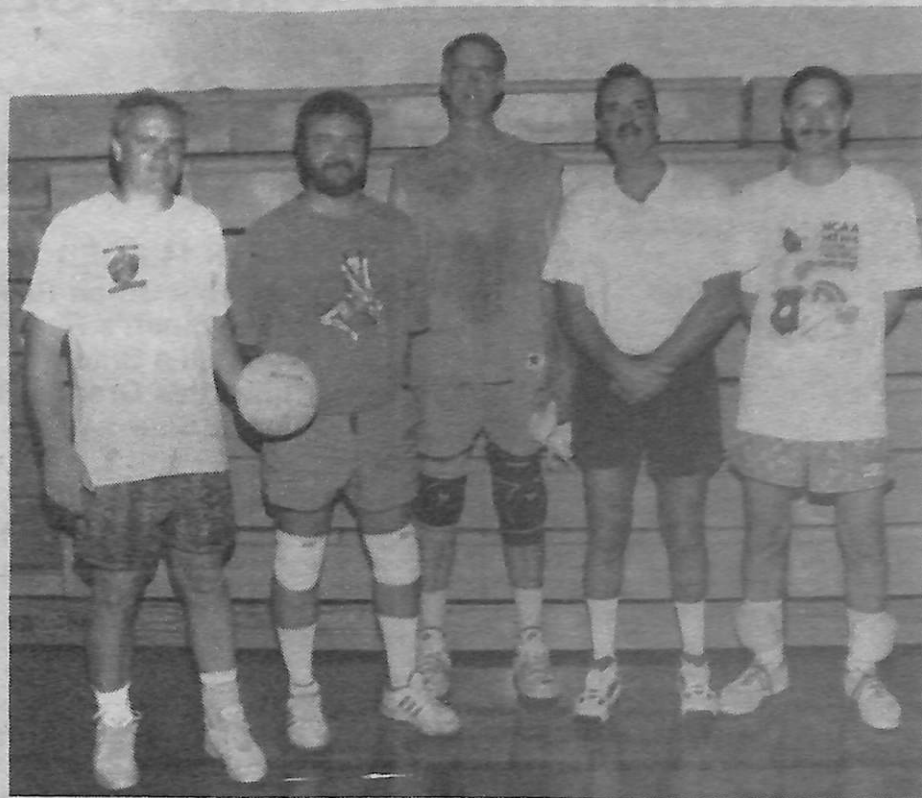
MEMBERS OF SIDE OUT of the Agawam Volleyball League. Members include - Bob Walters, Richard Fitzgerald, Tracy Darling, Lisa Hunter, Matt Granger, and Rick Templeman. Missing: Marty Bannish. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon. However, the staff of the AAN appreciates any articles that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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MEMBERS OF SHOT BLOCK, another of the teams in the Agawam Volleyball League. Team members include Bob Barnhart, Mike Ference, Greg Foulkes, Mark Langevin, and Dennis St. Laurent. Missing: Mark Thomas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF MIKE'S MISFITS, one of the teams in the Agawam Volleyball League. Team members are - Chris Jennison, Ron Leroux, Dana Dansereau, Jeff Curry, Al Massey, Chris Davis, and Mike Dimauro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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More Competitors In Town's Volleyball League



MEMBERS OF FITNESS FIRST, a team in the Agawam Volleyball League. Team members include Brian McEwan, Steve Ryan, Terry J. Brouillette, Jr., Larry Freeman, J.P. Dardenne, and (front row) Bruno Parrotta and Tom Neidig. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SIMMONS TEAM MEMBERS of the Agawam Volleyball League include Joe Martone, Robert Morace, Mike Moses, Jeff Hilbruner, and Arnie Madore. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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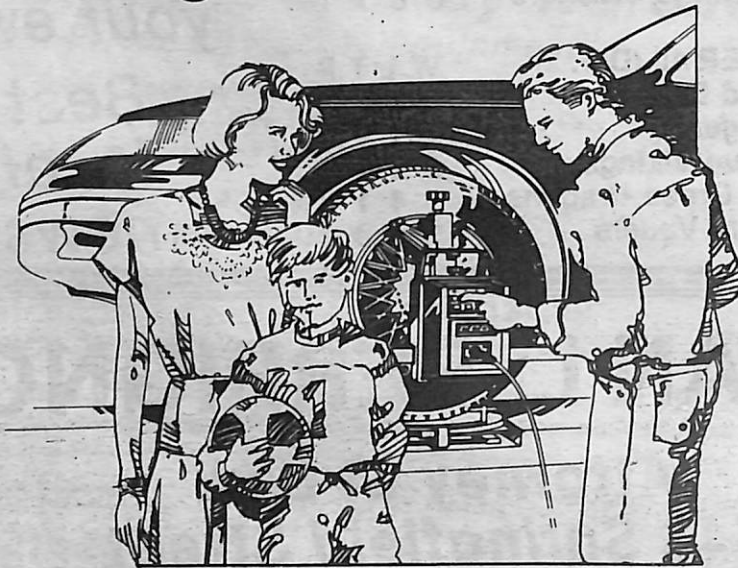
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Ag. Parks Dept. Has Several Openings In Some Fall Programs

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AEROBICS: Intermediate, low-impact workout includes toning and stretching. The eight-week program instructed by Willie Fortini begins October 7th at the AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL. Participants must supply their own mats.

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YOUTH PROGRAM

SUPER SATURDAY MORNINGS: Supervised activities include sports, games, and arts/crafts. Open to children ages four and older. The eight-week program begins October 5th at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH.

Saturday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., \$35 for the entire session or \$5 per week.

Instructors: Dan Pryce, Sarah Hufland, and Melanie DeMastrie.

Registration is held daily Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 786-0400, ext. 456.

RECREATIONAL SWIM: Public swim will be held at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. No registration is required. Pay lifeguard on duty.

Monday, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m., \$2 (six years and up) and \$1 (under six years).

Disposable diapers or floating devices are not allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

1996 In-Town Fall Boys' Soccer (Standings As Of 9/29/96)

BOYS UNDER 12	W	L	T	P
Martin's Blue Lightning	5	0	1	11
Lyman's Blue Hawks	4	2	1	9
Fleming's Nightmare	3	3	0	6
Fontaine's Red Devils	3	4	0	6
Gregor's Hot Tomales	0	6	0	0

BOYS UNDER 10 (DIV. 1)	W	L	T	P
Meyer's Red Storm	5	0	0	10
Toto's Ravens	4	3	0	8
Harlow's Fighting Irish	3	2	1	7
Anderson's Blue Devils	3	4	0	6
Alvanos' Orange Crushers	0	6	1	1

BOYS UNDER 10 (DIV. 2)	W	L	T	P
Powers' Red Devils	6	1	0	12
Comee's Tigers	4	1	0	8
Corbin's Blue Vikings	2	2	1	5
Nawskon's Green Dragons	1	4	1	3
Prisby's Dark Vaders	1	6	0	2

Riverside Enjoys Another Record-Breaking Sunday "Marathon Madness" Season

Riverside Park Speedway has again featured its 1996 Sunday "Marathon Madness" point series at the successful quarter-mile in Agawam, MA. These special Sunday evening events have again drawn record-breaking crowds by attracting an average of 5,891 paid adults per every "Marathon Madness" event.

These shows are designed to create new race fans and give new drivers a variety of divisions to advance through before the prestigious NASCAR Winston Racing Series Saturday programs at Riverside. And now that the final point race has been held (including the final competition for the Strictly Stocks), the official 1996 "Marathon Madness" Sunday Champions have been crowned!

The 1996 Strictly Stock Champion raced in a division that ran in both Saturday and Sunday evening events. The class had an average car count of 45-plus cars weekly, and a total of 20 different winners visited victory lane at Riverside this season.

However, consistent top-five finishes gave the championship to veteran **MIKE SALMOND**, who captured the title with a total of 1,202 points. Second was Patrick Townsend with 1,166, followed by Dennis Charette (1,126) in third, Jim Sommer (1,088) in fourth, and Scott Neleber (994) in fifth.

Sixth through 10th were Jon Waterhouse (978), Kris Valerio (964), Keith Miller (868), Patrick Kretchman (822), and Glen Reilly (820). Coming in 11th through 15th were Scott Ciak (810), Joe Koskoska (764), Tony Kilty (744), Ed Charette (738), and Jon Yourga (738).

This division will share \$4,500 in point money for the top 15 Strictly Stock point finishes. Remember, this year's banquet for the Strictlys (as well as the Late Models) will be held on Friday, November 15th.

KEITH DESANTIS won the Super Stock title by just two points over Rick "Bear" Charette, 464 to 462. Craig Collins was third with 458, followed by Mark LaJoie (444) and Scott Garrity (412) in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Rounding out the top 10 in this division John Provencher (394), Terry Page (366), Mike Chaves (364), Norm Ashline (338), and Vinnie Pond (322).

The surprise of the season came in the Pro Four Modified division, as **RON SMITH** won the Pro Four tile. George Savary (the defending champion) won every race but two, and he missed one that cost him the championship.

Ron Smith won with 426, followed by George Savary (414), Tom Gavine (398), George Sherman (394), and Joe Doucette (326). Sixth through 10th went to Gary Cassella (326), George Ruff (324), Sylvia Crunden (290), J.R. Gormain (264), and Harry Wheeler (252).

In the Mini Stock division, it was **ACE JOHNSON** to win the title with 420 points. Second was Paul Kratchovil with 382 points, and third through fifth, respectively, were Ron Barnes (372), Zak Sylvester (362), and George Correia (328).

Rounding out the top 10 for the "Minis" were Mike Nolan (312), Dan Zawisza (304), Tom Gavine (292), Ron Mayette (288), and John Constantini (262).

In the Riverside Half-Ton Truck division, it was **BRIAN WITTKAMP** with 452 points over second-place finisher Dave Capriati (432).

Marty Kosakowski (428) wound up in third place for the season, and he was followed by Nancy Muni (414) and Bob Bellinger (412).

Agawam Park & Rec. Men's Volleyball (Standings As Of 10/1/96)

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ACT I, "Agawam Citizens For Tomorrow," will be holding an Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday, October 21, 1996 at Crestview Country Club. This event is being sponsored by the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA), and the proceeds will be used to benefit the CCBA Legal Fund.

ACT I needs you in its cast of players, so don't delay — register today! The golf tournament format will be a four-person Scramble.

The player's entrance fee of \$100 per player includes:

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- Golf and cart, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.
- A social hour from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. with hors-d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
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(Non-golfers can enjoy the social hour and dinner buffet for a fee of \$40.)

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All entry fees and registrations must be received and paid in full no later than October 11th.

For further information and/or a registration form, contact Donna Jago, 786-2593, or Peter Clark, 786-2113, of the ACT I Golf Commission, c/o Crestview Country Club, P.O. Box 305, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA 01001-0305.

Ag. Little League Sets Meeting For Oct. 8th

The Board of Directors of the Agawam Little League will hold its annual organizational meeting at the Italian Sporting Club, 349 Cooper Street, on October 8th at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the current Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m., followed by the organizational meeting at 8:00 p.m. All of the positions on the board expire on November 1st of each year, therefore elections are held every October to elect officers to serve during the upcoming season.

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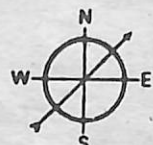
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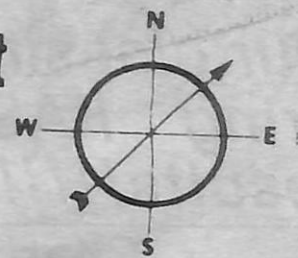
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